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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

February 10, 2020

The Honorable Maggie Fleming
District Attorney
Humboldt County District Attorney's Office
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program for
Fiscal Year 2019-20 Additional Funding

Dear District Attorney Fleming:

I am pleased to report that there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Year-End Balance in the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices this fiscal year. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$285,000** of which an additional **\$1,530** will be awarded to **Humboldt County** as part of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program. This additional grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud that continues to increase costs on the workers' compensation system, including medical provider insurance fraud, employer premium fraud, insider fraud, and claimant fraud, among others.

Additionally, a coordinated and aggressive outreach program to all communities by your Office, including to diverse and underserved communities, with measurable outcomes remains a priority. The Department's Fraud Division has implemented improved methods to track and measure your outreach efforts. The new tracking methods will be included in the FY 2020-21 RFA release and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with you in our outreach efforts to the communities in your county.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding. Please feel free to contact Fraud Division Chief Eric Charlick at (559) 440-5922 if you want to discuss your application and award.

I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Wayne Cox, Chief Investigator