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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

September 16, 2020

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

**RE: Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Dear District Attorney Fleming:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices, of which **Humboldt County** has been awarded **\$71,761** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of Automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed with consideration given to the goals and objectives set by me earlier this year. It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system.

Additionally, your office should endeavor to prioritize the establishment of an aggressive outreach program with measurable outcomes that reaches all communities, including those that are diverse and underserved. 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 automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara".

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Wayne Cox, District Attorney Chief Investigator

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