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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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The Honorable Jesse Wilson
District Attorney
Nevada County District Attorney's Office
201 Commercial Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

**RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Dear District Attorney Wilson,

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, a total of \$52,479,138 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to be distributed to 33 District Attorney Offices representing 43 counties, of which **Nevada** County has been awarded a total of **\$76,678** for this important program. The available funds are comprised of \$47,098,665 in Aggregate Assessment base funds, and an additional amount of \$5,380,473 from FY 2022-23 unexpended county funds. Your County's total award is comprised of \$70,382 base award and \$6,296 additional award. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

The decision to grant these funds was made by my Department staff, in consultation with the California Fraud Assessment Commission. Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with careful consideration given to the applicant's plan to achieve the goals and objectives set by me and the Fraud Assessment Commission earlier this year.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate workers' compensation 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 of mine.

Please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, CDI Deputy Chief, Fraud Division, at (323) 278-5062 should you have any questions regarding your award. The Local Assistance Unit will contact you regarding budget approvals in the post award system.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Henry Penaluna, Chief DA Investigator

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