



**RICARDO LARA**  
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

November 12, 2020

The Honorable Clifford Newell  
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 2020-21 Additional Funding**

Dear District Attorney Newell:

I am pleased to report that there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Year-End Balance in the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$362,984** of which an additional **\$1,155** will be awarded to **Nevada County** for this important Program. This additional grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

It is Commissioner Lara's 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.

Please feel free to contact Eric Charlick, Fraud Division Chief, (559) 440-5922 should you have any questions regarding your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**George Mueller**  
Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

cc: Mr. Henry Penaluna, Chief District Attorney Investigator