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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

June 22, 2021

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 2021-2022**

Dear District Attorney Newell,

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, a total of \$45,889,371 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to be distributed to 36 District Attorney Offices representing 46 counties, of which **Nevada** has been awarded **\$96,720** for this important Program. 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 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.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. Please feel free to contact my staff Victoria Martinez, Assistant Chief, at (323) 278-5062 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, appearing to read "Ricardo Lara".

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Henry Penaluna, Chief District Attorney Investigator

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