RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

July 13, 2026

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 2026-27

Dear District Attorney Wilson,

Pursuant to California Insurance Code section 1872.83, the California Department of Insurance (Department) has set the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (Program), District Attorney grant distribution total at $55,624,976 [$53,105,967 primary funds/$2,519,009 additional funds (subject to the Department of Finance/Legislative approval)].

- **Nevada** County has been awarded a total of **$43,193**.
  - $43,193 primary award.

The appropriation for this Program 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, then the grant distribution will be adjusted accordingly.

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 the Insurance Commissioner earlier this year.

It is the Department's expectation that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate workers' compensation insurance fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system. Additionally, a coordinated and aggressive outreach program to all communities by your office, including to diverse and underserved communities, with measurable outcomes remains a high priority for the Department.

As was announced last year, I wanted to inform you that the Department is continuing to review the Program's grant administrative procedures with the purpose of ensuring greater accountability, heightened transparency, and effective stewardship of public funds. Any necessary changes to the Program's process and requirements will be published in the Grant

Management System and included in the grant workshops conducted next year, where the Department will address any questions.

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

Please feel free to contact the Department, via email, at LAU@insurance.ca.gov should there be any questions regarding your award. The Department will reach out to you regarding your budget.

Sincerely,

Eric Charlick
Chief, Fraud Division (acting)
California Department of Insurance

cc: Hap Penaluna, Chief DA Investigator