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July 16, 2014

Mr. Will Lightbourne, Director  
California Department of Social Services  
744 P St. MS 8-17-11  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Support– Addressing Child Trafficking in California

Dear Mr. Lightbourne,

On behalf of El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency, I am pleased to present this letter as evidence of our intent to work collaboratively with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) towards the mutual goal of addressing child trafficking in California. The *Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking* (PACT) grant project is an exciting and unique opportunity to participate as a county to be proactive in our approach to this growing and important problem, and to develop a statewide practice model based on our actual needs and experience.

Should the grant be awarded to CDSS, El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency intends to partner and participate in the following activities:

- Act as one of seven pilot counties in the grant;
- Work with the grant Project Consultant who will provide technical assistance;
- Work with project staff to expand or develop a collaborative infrastructure that results in integrated, interagency approach to preventing and serving trafficked children;
- Expand and/or develop our interagency protocols;
- Work with project evaluator to collect and report data.

We understand the project duration is from October 2015 – October 2019 and we look forward to a collaborative partnership in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Ashton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald Ashton, M.P.A.  
Director