



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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The Honorable Vern R. Pierson
District Attorney
El Dorado County District Attorney's Office
778 Pacific Street
Placerville, CA 95667

**RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Additional Funding**

Dear District Attorney Pierson:

I am pleased to report there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 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 **\$1,737,000**, of which an additional **\$22,195** will be awarded to **El Dorado County** for this important Program. This additional grant award is to be used in FY 2023-24 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. Should you anticipate not being able to spend these funds in FY 2023-24, please email LAU@insurance.ca.gov to decline your additional award. Declined funds will become part of the FY 2024-25 available funds.

Please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Felicia Lieb at (916) 854-5766 should you have any questions regarding your amended award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

George Mueller
Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

cc: James Clinchard, Assistant District Attorney
Kerri Williams-Horn, Agency Chief Fiscal Officer