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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

July 7, 2022

The Honorable Joyce Dudley
District Attorney
Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office
1112 Santa Barbara Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**RE: Grant Award for Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Dear District Attorney Dudley:

I am very pleased to share that, for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, a total of \$500,000 is available through the California Department of Insurance's Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program (LACPP) to be distributed to five District Attorney Offices representing five counties, of which **Santa Barbara** County has been awarded **\$59,500**. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of fraud and abuse related to the sale of life and annuity insurance products.

Each proposal for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with careful consideration given to the applicant's plan to achieve the goals and objectives set by me earlier this year.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. The Department, through LACPP, is dedicated to protecting consumers, the majority of whom are seniors, from abuse involving the sale of individual life and annuity products.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. Please feel free to contact Program Supervisor Surender Tapia at (661) 253-7433 should you have any questions regarding your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against life and annuity insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Brian Cota, Supervising Deputy District Attorney

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