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Good Afternoon Cathy,

I am the manager of the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Investigative Services Program and the Missing/Unidentified Persons Program. My program is the recipient of reports of unidentified deceased persons submitted by county coroners in California in accordance with statutes contained in Government Code 27521, Health & Safety Code section 102870, and Penal Code section 14206. We have processes in DOJ that assist coroners in identifying these unidentified deceased persons. These processes include but are not limited to physical description comparisons, fingerprint comparisons, dental analyses, and DNA analyses.

I recently learned that there has been a test claim filed relative to the reimbursement of local costs associated with the submission of unidentified person reports to the California DOJ. To date, my program has been unaware if this claim and we were not notified of a hearing that occurred on March 25, 2004. The outcome of the coroner reimbursement will have a significant impact on public safety because the identification of homicide victims is critical to solving murders and getting dangerous killers off the streets. Secondly, the outcome of this issue will impact the workload for my unit. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you include the DOJ Missing/Unidentified Persons Program in any information the Commission on State mandates (CSM) disseminates regarding this claim including meeting and hearing dates and times, any findings by the CSM, and any other information relevant to the processes that are the subject of the claim. You may consider me to be the contact person for this process. See below for contact information

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter.

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