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TO: California District Attorney's Offices

Re: California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program

Dear Victim Witness Coordinator,

The California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement, is conducting outreach to provide local and state agencies with information regarding the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program (CalWRAP). The CalWRAP was established under The Hertzberg-Leslie Witness Protection Act¹, and provides reimbursement to local and state agencies for costs related to witness protection for threatened witnesses who have been summoned, or are expected to be summoned to testify in a criminal matter.

Upon application and approval, CalWRAP provides reimbursement to agencies for witness protection costs incurred for certain expenses including but not limited to armed escort protection, relocation, and basic monthly living expenses of approved witnesses, as well as for the support, advocacy, and other services to provide for safe transition into a new environment.

Enclosed is a copy of the CalWRAP's most recent Annual Report to the Legislature. The report summarizes CalWRAP funding and case statistics for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Current and past annual reports are also available at:
<https://oag.ca.gov/publications#lawenforcement>.

¹ California Penal Code Sections 14020 - 14033

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As of April 1, 2022, CalWRAP has approximately \$1,751,096 available to reimburse local and state agencies for witness protection costs. For additional information regarding CalWRAP, including details on eligibility criteria and to obtain an application for the CalWRAP program, please contact CalWRAP@doj.ca.gov or call (916) 210-6219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Marsh', is positioned above the printed name.

JOHN D. MARSH, Chief
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For ROB BONTA
Attorney General

Enclosure