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John Lawrence Bailey Federal Building 1787 W Lake Mead Blvd Boulevard Las Vegas, Nevada August 7, 2017

Office of the Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt Attorney General 100 North Carson ST Carson City NV 89701

Dear Attorney General Laxait,

The FBI Las Vegas Division, along with its federal, state, and local law enforcement partners are coordinating a focused initiative targeting the misuse of Opioid based medications that are negatively impacting the community. In support of this initiative, the FBI is initiating a Health Care Fraud Task Force (HCFTF) and would like to extend an invitation to your agency for full-time participation. The HCFTF is being established to more effectively address the growing prescription Opioid epidemic within our Area of Responsibility, which covers the entire state of Nevada.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently being drafted. The purpose of this MOU will be to delineate the responsibilities of the FBI's HCFTF participants, maximize inter-agency cooperation, and formalize relationships between the participating agencies for policy guidance, planning, training, public and media relations.

Since your office investigates and prosecutes federal and State criminal violations involving Medicaid Fraud and Insurance Fraud, the participation and collaboration in prescription Opioid investigations can positively contribute to the goals and objectives of the HCFTF.

Sincerely

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