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The Honorable Jeff Grover  
Chair  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors  
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500  
Modesto, CA 95354

RE: IHSS Fraud Unit

Dear Mr. Grover:

It has come to our attention that Stanislaus County recently created an IHSS Fraud Unit.

The UDW Homecare Providers Union believes that any instance of fraud in the IHSS program is wrong and should be punished. However, we also believe that any governmental effort to investigate fraud needs to have proper statutory authority, needs to be cost-effective, and needs to protect the rights of the elderly, blind and disabled Stanislaus County citizens who receive IHSS homecare services.

Therefore, we would appreciate your answering the following questions:

- What statutory authority is the county operating under to establish the fraud unit?
- What statutory authority does the county have to obligate social workers to use the information provided by the unit to penalize a recipient or a provider?
- What processes and protocols have been established to implement the unannounced home visits? (For example: How is fraud defined? How are cases identified for visits? To whom does the unit submit its reports from the visits? Are the anti-fraud agents uniformed and armed?)
- How long is the county going to pilot the fraud unit?
- How much is the county allocating to pilot the fraud unit?
- How much is the county expecting to save from uncovering fraud activities (In other words, what is the county's goal and how will you know when it has been achieved)?

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Moore".

Doug Moore  
Executive Director

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