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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Vito Chiesa, Chairman
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500
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The Honorable Vito Chiesa:

During the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, your County Veterans Service Office (CVSO), obtained new and increased monthly cash benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA), in the amount of \$555,138. On an annualized basis this amounts to more than \$6,661,656 in new benefit payments. In addition, your CVSO obtained \$4,244,388 in one-time benefits, which consists of single and retro-active payments received by veterans or their dependents. Studies have shown that monies spent in a community could turn over between 3 to 7 times, which is a fairly accurate measure of the spending impact on a community. Using the conservative multiplier of 3, this equates to a spending impact of at least \$19,984,968 from the annualized monthly cash benefits and \$12,733,164 from the one-time benefits received.

I hope that you will consider this valuable information when addressing the needs of a properly funded and fully supported CVSO. With a net county cost of less than \$386,000, your CVSO once again remains one of the few revenue producing offices in the county. Your county veteran population deserves, and has earned the right to continued high quality representation in veterans' affairs.

If I can be of further assistance in maintaining your CVSO's services, please feel free to contact Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services, Keith Boylan at: (916) 653-2573.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vito Imbasciani MD".

Vito Imbasciani MD
Secretary

Cc: County Veteran Service Office
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