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Mr. James J. Wedick, Jr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Wedick:

I want to congratulate you and extend my best wishes for your retirement this month. You are commended for your productive and outstanding accomplishments in the Health Care Fraud (HCF) Program.

Special note should be made of the following three highly successful initiatives that you were instrumental in initiating, PHONY PHARM, UNWHOLESUM, and BLOOD SPIN, which targeted those individuals/companies involved in fraudulently billing the California Medicaid Program. These initiatives have produced statistical accomplishments which top all comparative listings and are a great example for efficiency with productivity.

In the last four years, the initiatives have resulted in the filing and return of numerous indictments/informations charging 337 medical providers, who were responsible for defrauding more than $240.8 million from the Medicaid Program, with violations of the federal HCF Statute. Thus far, the successful prosecutions have resulted in 204 convictions, restitution in excess of $77.8 million, $2.1 million in fines, nine Disruptions, and six Dismantlements.
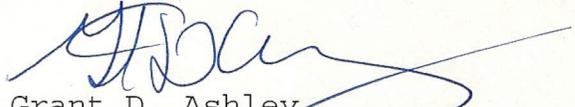
We also commend you on always being a team player and supporting the needs of other field offices and the HCF Unit, when assistance was needed, to include providing valuable

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testimony to Congressional committees on HCF matters. You should take heed in knowing that many of the initiatives and procedures you established will continue for years to come.

Your presence will be missed. Please accept my personal gratitude for your devoted service and my best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

Sincerely yours,

Grant D. Ashley
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