



May 26, 2026

Vice President JD Vance  
The White House  
Office of the Vice President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice President Vance:

We, the undersigned Attorneys General, write in response to your invitation this past Friday afternoon to attend this Tuesday's roundtable meeting of the Vice President's Task Force on Fraud. We are committed to stopping fraud, waste, and abuse in all government programs across our states, and are proud of our continued partnership with the federal government in this mission. The social safety net is critical -- especially given today's affordability crisis -- and we are dedicated to ensuring these crucial programs operate with integrity and efficiency.

While we would appreciate the opportunity to engage in serious discussions, the invitation was provided with less than one business day's notice with no agenda. This short notice does not match the spirit of collaboration that has long defined our joint efforts with federal partners. Accordingly, we respectfully decline to attend at this time.

We want to be clear: we share a strong and ongoing commitment to combating fraud in all its forms, including Medicaid fraud. Our States have invested substantially in their Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCU) to combat fraud in partnership with the federal government. Along with the MFCUs, our offices have collectively recovered hundreds of millions of dollars from fraudsters for taxpayers, secured thousands of criminal convictions, and implemented real Medicaid reforms to strengthen program integrity. Federal and State cooperation has repeatedly shown that investments in MFCUs yield returns that far exceed their cost, benefiting both state and federal governments. These efforts have consistently delivered results. Last year alone, the MFCUs recovered nearly \$4.64 for every dollar invested by both States and the federal government, nearly \$2 billion in money returned to taxpayers.

Recent staffing and programmatic cuts at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) risk exacerbating the very challenges this Task Force seeks to address. Our states currently lack sufficient HHS inspector generals to match our efforts. A sustained federal-state partnership, backed by adequate and sustainable resources and coordination, has helped in effectively preventing, detecting, and prosecuting fraud.

We are committed to working constructively to combat fraud and welcome a productive dialogue on these issues. With appropriate notice and a genuine opportunity for engagement, we would welcome the chance to participate in a future meeting and contribute to a productive dialogue. Our staff will continue to meet with their federal partners, including HHS, on these important issues.

Our collective work to protect public funds and hold bad actors accountable will continue.

Sincerely,



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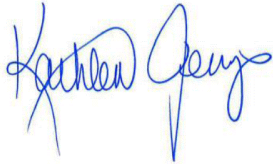
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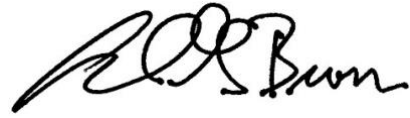
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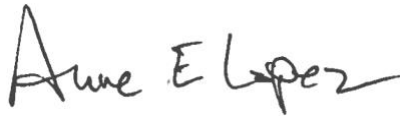
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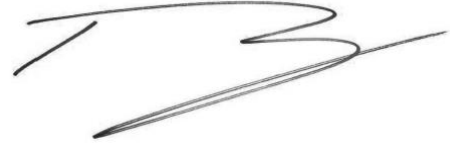
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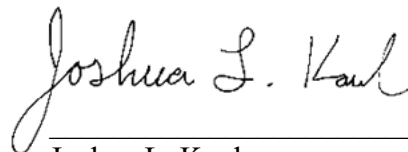
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