January 29, 2019

The Honorable Larry Hogan

Governor

State House

100 State Circle

Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Boyd Rutherford

Lieutenant Governor

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Re: Joint Enforcement Task Force on Workplace Fraud

2019 Annual Report

Dear Governor Hogan and Lieutenant Governor Rutherford:

The State of Maryland has long recognized that the misclassification of employees as

independent contractors deprive workers of wages and benefits to which they are

entitled to under the law and puts businesses who comply with the law at a competitive

disadvantage. As a result, Maryland enacted the Workplace Fraud Act in 2009 in order

to combat the misclassification of employees in the construction and landscaping

industries.

On July 14, 2009, Governor Martin O’Malley signed Executive Order No. 01.01.2009.09,

creating a Joint Enforcement Task Force on Workplace Fraud. The purpose of the Task

Force was to allow interagency cooperation, information sharing, and joint enforcement

actions in the case of serious violators.

The Task Force includes the following individuals or their designees: The Secretary of

Labor; the Attorney General; the Comptroller; the Chair of the Workers’ Compensation

Commission; the Insurance Commissioner; the Commissioner of Labor and Industry,

and the Assistant Secretary for the Division of Unemployment Insurance.

The Executive Order that established the Task Force also requires the Task Force to

submit an annual report to the Governor. Accordingly, we are submitting this report for

your consideration.

Best regards,

Tiffany Robinson

Secretary