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Dear Fellow State Employee,

Greetings and a happy 2024!

It's no secret what is expected from Commonwealth of Virginia employees; we keep the state running smoothly and efficiently while maintaining the highest level of ethics in state government. But no system is perfect. If you have observed wrongdoing such as fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in Virginia state government, the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) wants to hear from you.

OSIG manages the [State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline](#) through an anonymous, toll-free number (800-723-1615), as well as an [online complaint form](#), email inbox, fax, and P.O. Box. These outlets are here for Virginia citizens to safely report suspected fraud, waste and abuse in executive branch state agencies, including institutions of higher education. [Executive Order 52](#) prohibits retaliation against anyone who submits a good faith complaint to OSIG.

In addition to these outlets, OSIG administers the [Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund](#); this program offers protection and monetary rewards to those who disclose information of wrongdoing or abuse that results in a recovery of at least \$5,000. The reward is up to 10 percent of the actual sum recovered by the Commonwealth as a result of the claim. Those who file a claim under the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund must provide contact information.

To report an allegation to the Hotline or make a claim under the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund, contact OSIG:

- State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline | 800-723-1615 (no caller ID, but does accept voicemail messages)
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- [Fraud, Waste and Abuse Complaint Form](#)
To remain anonymous, leave your name and contact information blank.

- Email | covhotline@osig.virginia.gov
Monitored Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Fax | 804-371-0165
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- U.S. mail
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For examples of fraud, waste, abuse and related information, please review the [Hotline information sheet](#). In addition, a [Hotline flyer](#) and [Whistle Blower Reward Fund flyer](#) are available to help promote awareness of these important state resources. We encourage you to post the flyers in and around your work area.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hotline and Whistle Blower Reward Fund. Together, we can help ensure Virginia state government protects its state resources and runs efficiently, effectively and ethically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Westfall", written over a horizontal line.

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