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**Subject:** Your request for information about state's using WC assessment funds to match federal funds for state OSHA enforcement

Dear Representatives Hooper and O'Sullivan:

Thank you very much for meeting with us this morning. During the meeting you asked for information on whether other states with state OSHA enforcement authority matched federal OSHA grant money with funds from a workers' compensation assessment. Prior to making our proposal, We sent a survey to other state OSHA enforcement plans asking how they funded their enforcement programs. We learned:

In addition to Vermont, 20 other states plus Puerto Rico, are authorized by federal OSHA to perform public and private sector OSHA enforcement.

We received responses from 12 of the 21 programs contacted.

9 of the responding states matched federal funds with either money collected from a workers' compensation assessment on employers or a tax on workers' compensation premiums. ( Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Washington and Wyoming).

3 states matched or overmatched the federal funds with state general fund dollars (Indiana, North Carolina, and Virginia).

Alaska, Arizona, California\*, Hawaii, Iowa, Michigan, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Utah did not respond \* Although California did not respond to the survey, it overmatches federal grant money with money from its workers' compensation assessment.

The results indicate that it is common for state's with OSHA enforcement programs to match federal funds with funds from a workers' compensation assessment or a workers' compensation premium tax. States recognize that an effective safety and health enforcement program assists in controlling workers' compensation premium costs.

I hope this answers your questions. If you would like additional information please contact me.

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