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The Honorable James Comer
Chairman, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
c/o Caroline.Cash@mail.house.gov

RE: HEARING: Curbing Federal Fraud: Examining Innovative Tools to Detect and Prevent Fraud in Federal Programs, January 13, 2026

Dear Chairman Comer,

On behalf of the United Council on Welfare Fraud (UCOWF), representing frontline investigators, eligibility integrity specialists, auditors, and prosecutors working across Medicaid and public-assistance programs nationwide, we write to commend the Committee for continuing to address fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs.

As the only professional national non-profit organization dedicated to combating fraud, waste, and abuse within social service programs, UCOWF has been at the forefront of this mission for over 53 years. Our members include the boots on the ground facing these issues day in and day out. In fact, UCOWF was called to testify at the House DOGE Subcommittee's first hearing, "The War on Waste: Stamping Out the Scourge of Improper Payments and Fraud," on February 12, 2025.

UCOWF's testimony in front of DOGE detailed commonsense solutions to closing loopholes, improving technology, and reducing fraud across all federal programs. Our testimony clearly laid out the types of fraud, **reforms needed** and provided **22 immediate actions** to combat fraud in federal programs.

<https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Royal-Written-Testimony.pdf>

We encourage the Committee and members to review this testimony – the answers to solving these solutions are there. DOGE agreed in their post hearing wrap up.¹ It's not going to be solved by hearings with agency bureaucrats about "innovative tools" – now is the time for action!

Please let me know if UCOWF can provide further subject matter expertise and assistance for you as you rein in fraud, waste, and abuse in government assistance programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Keith Miskie, President
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¹ Due to Rep. Greene's departure 1/5/26, the DOGE Subcommittee Post-hearing Review and Recommendations is archived here: https://greene.house.gov/uploadedfiles/2.12_post_hearing_review_and_recommendations.pdf