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Dear Mr. Tarwater:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide investigation services for the Unemployment Modernization and Improvement Council (the Council) in connection with the effects on the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the unemployment insurance system of fraudulent claims and improper payments during the period of March 15, 2020 through March 31, 2022. For our analysis, we relied upon information provided to us in the form of electronic unemployment insurance claims files, documents, as well as conversations and interviews with relevant parties. This first supplement to our report, which was dated September 1, 2022, is based on work completed to date. We anticipate issuing another supplement to our report in early 2023 which will contemplate claims from April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Our services were provided in accordance with the Statement on Standards for Forensics Services promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, do not constitute a rendering by **FORVIS, LLP** (FORVIS) or its partners or staff of any legal advice, nor do they include the compilation, review, or audit of financial statements. Because our services were limited in nature and scope, they cannot be relied upon to discover all documents and other information or provide all analyses that may be of importance in this matter. We were asked to analyze certain designated files, data, and information and, based on the scope of work, we identified matters discussed in this report, including an estimate of potential fraudulent payments based on data analytics procedures. This is a factual report of our findings, and we do not make a determination on if specific claims are fraudulent or comment on legal culpability.

This first supplement to our report, which was dated September 1, 2022, is the property of FORVIS and has been prepared solely for use by the Council and should not be used by any other party or for any other purpose, without our written permission in each specific instance.

The validity of this report is predicated on the extent to which full, honest, and complete disclosure was made by all parties. We reserve the right to supplement this report if additional information becomes available.

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First Supplement to Fraud Investigation Services Report for Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council on Behalf of the Kansas Legislature ("Council")
September 1, 2022

Calculation of Total Net Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claims Including LWAP, plus Improper Payments and Clarification of Total Payments Amount

	Low	High
Initial Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claimants (Excludes LWAP)	\$ 486,000,000	\$ 511,000,000
Reduction for Legitimate Claims Following Potentially Fraudulent Claims	\$ (45,000,000)	\$ (45,000,000)
Net Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claims	\$ 441,000,000	\$ 466,000,000
PLUS: Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent LWAP Claims	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
PLUS: Improper Payments	\$ 66,000,000	\$ 66,000,000
LESS: Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claims before March 15, 2020	\$ (2,000,000)	\$ (2,000,000)
Total Net Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claims Including LWAP, plus Improper Payments	\$ 515,000,000	\$ 541,000,000

Total Payments per the Report

Less: LWAP Payments

Total Payments Net of LWAP Payments

Less: Payments on or after 1/1/2020 pertaining to Claims Filed before 1/1/2020

Total Payments pertaining to Claims Filed on or after 1/1/2020 (Excluding LWAP Payments)

\$	3,554,882,327
\$	(130,565,088)
\$	3,424,317,239
\$	(22,099,743)
\$	3,402,217,496

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Breakdown of Federal vs State Programs and Before or After MultiFactor Authentication

Initial Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claimants
Reduction for Legitimate Claims Following Potentially Fraudulent Claims
Net Estimate of Potentially Fraudulent Claims

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
	\$ 486,000,000	\$ 511,000,000
	\$ (45,000,000)	\$ (45,000,000)
	\$ 441,000,000	\$ 466,000,000

Federal vs State Programs

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
Initial Estimate	\$ 180,000,000	\$ 201,000,000
Federal Programs	\$ 306,000,000	\$ 310,000,000
State Programs	\$ 486,000,000	\$ 511,000,000

Reduction for Legitimate Claims Following Potentially Fraudulent Claims

NOTE: Low and High are the same because these are all based on self-reported fraud (this analysis required a self-reported fraud date) which is included in both low and high

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
Federal Programs	\$ (27,000,000)	\$ (27,000,000)
State Programs	\$ (18,000,000)	\$ (18,000,000)
	\$ (45,000,000)	\$ (45,000,000)

Reduction for Legitimate Claims Following Potentially Fraudulent Claims

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
Net Estimate	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 174,000,000
Federal Programs	\$ 288,000,000	\$ 292,000,000
State Programs	\$ 441,000,000	\$ 466,000,000

Before or After MultiFactor Authentication

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
Initial Estimate	\$ 412,000,000	\$ 436,000,000
Before MFA	\$ 74,000,000	\$ 75,000,000
After MFA	\$ 486,000,000	\$ 511,000,000

Reduction for Legitimate Claims Following Potentially Fraudulent Claims

NOTE: Low and High are the same because these are all based on self-reported fraud (this analysis required a self-reported fraud date) which is included in both low and high

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
Before MFA	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ (3,000,000)
After MFA	\$ (42,000,000)	\$ (42,000,000)
	\$ (45,000,000)	\$ (45,000,000)

Reduction for Legitimate Claims Following Potentially Fraudulent Claims

	Low (Excludes LWAP)	High (Excludes LWAP)
Net Estimate	\$ 409,000,000	\$ 433,000,000
Before MFA	\$ 32,000,000	\$ 33,000,000
After MFA	\$ 441,000,000	\$ 466,000,000

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 10,000,000
	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -

	LWAP Only - Low	LWAP Only - High
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 11,000,000