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Washington, DC 20590

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In Reply Refer To: HCR-20
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(b) (6)
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Dear (b) (6) :

This letter is in reference to your complaint of discrimination, dated February 25, 2021, which was filed with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights. In the complaint, you allege that the California Unified Certification Program and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 through a discriminatory procurement process and fraudulent DBE program.

After a thorough review of your complaint, the FHWA has determined that it does not have Title VI jurisdiction. The issues you raised may be within the jurisdiction of a different agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation. Therefore, we have forwarded your complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights for appropriate action.

Please be advised that the FHWA's Office of Civil Rights has responsibility to investigate individual complaints of discrimination involving violations, under its jurisdiction, of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. These statutes prohibit discrimination based on disability, race, color, nation origin, sex and age under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

If this office can be of assistance to you in any matter within the FHWA's enforcement responsibility, please contact us at (202) 366-0693, or at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

Nichole McWhorter

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