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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This letter is on behalf of the Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector's office regarding a cashier's check for \$12,500,000 that was recently seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Our records indicate that this check is subject to a Los Angeles County tax liability.

To clarify, Los Angeles County regulations mandate a 1% tax on cashier's of this magnitude prior to their negotiations within our jurisdiction. Because this tax was not remitted prior to the check's presentation, the FBI, acting on our notification of the outstanding tax obligation, seized the instrument.

We understand this situation is likely both unexpected and concerning. To ensure release of your funds and vehicle, we encourage you to contact the Publishers Clearing House to discuss the necessary steps to resolve this outstanding tax liability. This will involve paying the applicable penalties or interest accrued since the check's seizure. We can provide you with precise details on the fees.

Los Angeles County code requires the payment of a local sales tax on winning exceeding \$1,000,000. This tax is calculated at 1% of your total winnings, resulting in a tax liability of \$125,000. Payment of this tax is a prerequisite for the release of your assets.

To ensure the timely and complaint transfer of your winnings, we require the submission of some documentation, a W-2G form and detailed guidance on payment methods, as mandated by Los Angeles County Tax regulations for prizes exceeding a certain value. This is standard procedure.

To ensure a smooth and efficient transfer of your assets, we strongly recommend scheduling a consultation with a representative from the Publishers Clearing House as they are able to address any questions you may have and provide further clarification on required procedures.

We understand the significance of this win and are committed to making this process as seamless as possible. This is a truly exceptional accomplishment, and we offer our sincere congratulations.

