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California Victim Compensation Board
P.O. Box 3036
Sacramento, CA 95812-3036

Re: **[CLIENT NAME]**
Application for Crime Victim Compensation

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of **[Client Name]**, I am filing an application for compensation from the California Victim Compensation Board. **[Client Name]** seeks the following victim compensation benefits:

- Income lost as a result of the crime of human trafficking under Government Code sections 13957 and 13957.5;
- **[List any other additional victim compensation benefits sought here].**

On January 1, 2020, Assembly Bill 629 went into effect amending Government Code sections 13957(a)(3) and 13957.5(a)(5). These amendments enable victims of human trafficking to receive lost income compensation from California Victim Compensation Board. Specifically, they enable the Victim Compensation Board (“Board”) to “authorize compensation equal to loss of income or support that a victim incurs as a direct result of the victim’s deprivation of liberty during the crime” Cal. Gov’t Code § 13957(a)(3). They also permit the Board to rely on “evidence other than official employment documentation in considering and approving an application[,] . . . including, but not limited to, a statement under penalty of perjury from the applicant, a human trafficking caseworker . . . , a licensed attorney, or a witness to the circumstances of the crime.” Cal. Gov’t Code § 13957.5(a)(5)(B). This application is timely because it is being made within **X** years of the trafficking crime. Cal. Gov’t Code § 13953.

As stated in the attached declaration, **[Attorney/ Case Worker]** has found that **[Client Name]** has provided a credible statement that **s/he** is a victim of human trafficking. **S/he** was trafficked from **[date]** to **[date]**, and **s/he** lost income as a direct result of the crime. As such, **s/he** is eligible to apply for lost income compensation under Government Code section 13957(a)(3). In support of **his/her** application, and pursuant to Government Code Section 13957.5(a)(5), the following documents are included with the application.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR [CLIENT NAME]

- A. Application for Crime Victim Compensation
- B. Human Trafficking **Case Worker** declaration attesting that the applicant was a victim of human trafficking
- C. Declarant from **Applicant/Attorney/Case Worker** demonstrating Income Loss including (1) the dates on which the acts of trafficking commenced and ended, (2) the approximate number of hours per week that acts of trafficking were performed, and (3) whether reimbursement was or will be received from any other sources. **Note other Acceptable evidence can include one or more of the following documents but likely will not contain info required in 1-3:**

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- a. Declaration from the applicant, a human trafficking caseworker, an attorney, or a witness to the crime or Police Report
 - b. Law Enforcement Agency Endorsement issued pursuant to Penal Code section 236.2;
 - c. Certification or eligibility letter from a government agency for a special visa as a refugee due to human trafficking or other government benefits as a result of human trafficking; and/or
 - d. USCIS approval notice for Form I-914 Application for T Nonimmigrant Status
- D. CalVCB Human Trafficking Wage Verification Compensation Form

We respectfully ask for [Client Name's] request for compensation to be granted. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Attorney Information]. Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Title

cc: Client Name