



June 7, 2026

The Honorable Janet Nguyen
Orange County Board of Supervisors
First District

Dear Supervisor Nguyen and Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors:

I write this letter as the Executive Director, Huntington Beach Auto Dealers Association and on behalf of many concerned community and business leaders regarding the disposition of funds being returned to Orange County through recent recovery efforts.

We respectfully but strongly urge the Board to ensure that these recovered funds are returned to the First Supervisorial District—the communities from which these resources were originally generated and for whose benefit they were intended.

Taxpayers and businesses throughout the First District have contributed substantially to the economic strength of Orange County. When public funds are diverted, misused, or otherwise unavailable for their intended purpose, the residents and businesses of our communities bear the consequences. It is therefore only reasonable and equitable that recovered funds be restored to the district that sustained the loss.

The First District continues to face important needs in public safety, transportation, economic development, community services, support for seniors, and programs that improve the quality of life for our residents. Returning these funds to their rightful source would represent not only sound fiscal policy, but also a clear demonstration of transparency, accountability, and respect for the taxpayers who entrusted those resources to the County.

We commend your leadership in advocating for the residents of the First District and encourage the Board to take decisive action to ensure these recovered funds remain where they can provide the greatest and most direct benefit to the communities that generated them.

The taxpayers of the First District deserve nothing less.

Thank you for your consideration and continued service to Orange County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Garofalo', written over a horizontal line.

Dave Garofalo,
Executive Director
HB Auto Dealers Association