

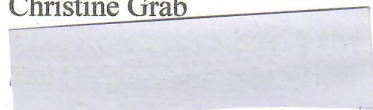


September 28, 2020

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Case I2020-1500

Christine Grab



Dear Ms. Grab:

We have received your correspondence dated August 27, 2020, in which you allege that an improper governmental activity has occurred within the Franchise Tax Board. Under the California Whistleblower Protection Act (Act), found at Government Code section 8547 et seq., the California State Auditor receives and investigates complaints of improper governmental activities by state agencies and employees. As provided in the Act, any actions we may take in response to your correspondence must remain confidential. As a result, we are prohibited from keeping you informed about the progress or results of any actions we take in response to your correspondence. Because of those confidentiality requirements and because we lack enforcement authority, we are unable to help individuals resolve disputes or disagreements they have with state agencies. If an investigation substantiates that a state agency or employee has engaged in an improper governmental activity, the State Auditor may issue a public report regarding the results of the investigation if issuing the report will serve the interests of the State. You may view our public reports on our website at www.auditor.ca.gov.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the proper operation of state government.

Sincerely,

Investigations Division