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**New Jersey's COVID-19 Compliance and Oversight Taskforce
Releases Integrity Oversight Monitor Guidelines to Protect COVID-19
Recovery Funds from Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

TRENTON – In accordance with Executive Order No. 166, today New Jersey's COVID-19 Compliance and Oversight Taskforce released Integrity Monitor Guidelines to ensure state agencies guard against waste, fraud, and abuse of COVID-19 funds.

Under Executive Order 166, state agencies and authorities that spend federal recovery dollars, including funding received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, must retain integrity monitors who will ensure funds are used appropriately. The guidelines released today establish the state's integrity monitor program, which includes processes for reporting concerns regarding waste, fraud, and abuse to the Governor's Disaster Recovery Office, the Senate President, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Attorney General, the State Treasurer, and the State Comptroller.

"The guidelines we've issued today further our commitment to ensure state agencies have robust safeguards in place to protect against waste and abuse of COVID-19 relief," said **Governor Murphy**. "Given the fiscal realities we face, it's imperative that every dollar of federal funding is properly accounted for and invested in our recovery from this crisis."

"The guidelines will protect federal funds and give state agencies and authorities involved in New Jersey's recovery the resources they need to protect public dollars from misuse of any kind," said **Taskforce Chair and Acting State Comptroller Kevin D. Walsh**. "The Taskforce's aim with these guidelines is to provide accountability for the public and provide checks and balances on what agencies and authorities do with federal funds. The goal is to identify and correct problems while they can still be corrected and to hold people, agencies and authorities accountable if they misuse public funds. Strong oversight will ensure that New Jerseyans get the most efficient and effective recovery possible."

The guidelines will provide state agencies and authorities with a framework to determine where it is appropriate to spend recovery funds on oversight from independent monitors who have expertise in tracking spending and administering government programs in compliance with federal and State rules and regulations.

Under Executive Order 166, the COVID-19 Compliance and Oversight Taskforce is chaired by Acting State Comptroller Walsh and includes the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Governor's Disaster Recovery Office. The Taskforce also includes Accountability Officer representatives from New Jersey Transit, the Department of Education, and the Department of Children and Families.

The Integrity Monitor Guidelines can be accessed [here](#).