



TREASURER GOLDBERG ALERTS RESIDENTS TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY SCAM

*Massachusetts State Treasurer Warns Citizens of Fraudulent Letters Claiming
"Unclaimed Property Winnings"*

BOSTON – Illegitimate letters from a Massachusetts address are being sent to the state's citizens claiming "unclaimed property winnings". According to Treasurer Goldberg, these letters are not being sent by either the Massachusetts Office of the State Treasurer or the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA).

"It has come to our attention that fraudulent letters using our address and likeness have been sent to residents across the state," said Treasurer Deb Goldberg. "Our goal is to ensure that no Massachusetts citizen is taken advantage of as part of this scam."

Official unclaimed property notices will never direct owners to pay money, whether for processing fees, tax payments, or otherwise, when searching unclaimed property or filing a claim. The official Massachusetts Treasury website for unclaimed property, <http://www.findmassmoney.com/> is free of charge to search and claim.

The Office of the State Treasurer and Massachusetts Legislators utilize the mail to inform owners of unclaimed property. There are a number of ways to discern official Treasury notices from scam notices. Letters will be mailed from Boston, Massachusetts with a return address; they will direct owners to an official <http://www.mass.gov/> website; and they will bear the official seal of the State of Massachusetts along with the signature of the Treasurer.

If you have any questions regarding unclaimed property, please visit the Treasury's official website, <http://www.findmassmoney.com/> or call 888-344-MASS (6277). You can view an example of a fraudulent letter at the following: www.mass.gov/treasury/scamletter.

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