

Unclaimed Property Day Legislator Letter Draft

Dear Senator/Representative,

February 1st is National Unclaimed Property Day and a great time to find out if you or your constituents have unclaimed property. The **OFFICE** is the custodian of unclaimed property in **STATE** and my staff and I are dedicated to safeguarding and returning unclaimed property to rightful owners and heirs across the state. In Fiscal Year 2020 alone, we returned \$XXX in forgotten cash, stock, and other properties to individuals, employers and non-profits.

STATE currently holds more than \$XX in unclaimed property. Unclaimed property is any kind of property, excluding real estate or anything with a property title, that is separated from the owner for a specified number of years (typically 3 years) and then remitted to the state as unclaimed. Common examples are forgotten bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, unpaid life insurance benefits, unused rebate cards, uncashed checks, and much more. Our office works to effectively identify, notify, and pay the owners of these properties as simply and quickly as possible. We encourage you to take the time to search if you have unclaimed property, and to educate your constituents on how to claim theirs.

You can search our state's unclaimed property database at **STATE URL**. You can search by name or by town. If you find your name on the list, you can make a claim for free. The rightful owner or rightful heirs can claim their property in perpetuity. You can also search multiple state databases at once using missingmoney.com.

Do you want to help return unclaimed money to your constituents? Our office has staff available to assist with outreach and provide information on the programs and resources offered by this office. This fact sheet can be given to your constituents to educate them on the importance of this program and encourage them to search **STATE URL**. Please reach out to **CONTACT INFO** if you have any questions.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of **STATE**. My staff and I look forward to working with you!

Thank you, **NAME**.