Dear Friend,

Each day the State of California receives thousands of dollars worth of unclaimed money and property from dormant accounts owned by people just like you. Do you know how to claim your forgotten property?

To find your unclaimed property, visit sco.ca.gov/upd_msg.html and search the Unclaimed Property Database for money that the state may owe you. This brochure provides more information on how the Unclaimed Property program works and how you can make a claim.

For more information, please contact my office at (408) 262-2501 or visit my website at asmdc.org/lee.

Sincerely,

ALEX LEE  
Assemblymember, 24th District
California’s Unclaimed Property Program

California’s Unclaimed Property Law requires “holders” such as corporations, business associations, financial institutions and insurance companies to annually report and deliver property to the State Controller’s Office after there has been no customer contact for three years. Often the owner forgets that the account exists, moves and does not leave a forwarding address or the forwarding order expires. In some cases, the owner dies and the heirs have no knowledge of the property.

Search the Database

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Get Assistance Filing a Claim

When printing a claim form from sco.ca.gov/upd_msg.html, follow the instructions provided. These filing instructions include a checklist of documentation you will need to provide the Controller’s Office when filing your claim.

All claim types generally require information such as:

• A copy of a current photo identification for each claimant
• A copy of a Social Security card or a tax identification number for each claimant
• Verification of reported address if different from current address
• Specific documentation relating to the type of property, such as original passbook, cashier’s check, stock certificate, etc.

You may file a claim online if you are the only owner listed for the property and the property value is less than $1,000. Visit sco.ca.gov/upd_msg.html to learn more.

Mail the Completed Form

Mail the completed claim form and documents to the following address:

Unclaimed Property Division
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250-5873

For more information contact the District Office at (408) 262-2501 or the State Controller’s office at (800) 992-4647 or go to their website at sco.ca.gov.

The State of California is currently in possession of more than 70.4 million unclaimed properties worth a total of almost $12 billion.