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Let me begin by expressing my sorrow for your loss. Too many of us are grieving the loss of loved ones to COVID-19, but I want you to know that I, and all my colleagues at the Department of Health Services, are thinking of you in this difficult time.

I am writing to make sure you know about a program that can help cover funeral expenses for those who died from COVID-19. The enclosed factsheet explains who is eligible, what the assistance can pay for, and the process to apply through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This program is designed to provide assistance, and we hope that you are able to use it to help you through the process of laying your loved one to rest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anna Benton'.

Anna Benton
Assistant Administrator

This is a follow-up letter, received February 23, because we didn't take the \$9,000 funeral reimbursement due to Grace's death being labeled COVID.

Q: What is the purpose of this fund? A: It seems that it provides another cover, so people are "thankful" for the government instead of challenging why the government, through their hospital division, just killed their loved one!



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