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Labor and Workplace Standards Committee

Chair Grayber and members of the Committee

RE: Opposing House Bill 3374

Dear Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask that you do not support House Bill 3374. In my 35 years of experience, the great majority of healthcare providers listed in the managed care organization's networks actually do not accept workers' compensation cases. As a result, it is nearly impossible for an injured worker to find a medical physician that can refer the worker back to a chiropractor for chiropractic treatment. In the rare instances where a medical physician can be found, the injured worker, often must drive a very long distance to be seen by that doctor. As such, the last thing the State of Oregon and injured workers need is another managed care organization (MCO).

I have also been informed that this bill will have a provision giving "attending physician status" to nurse practitioners and PAs (physician assistants), while at the same time opposing Oregon chiropractic physicians from seeking the same "attending physician status". This is unreasonable given a chiropractic physician's significant level of clinical training. Chiropractors are willing to care for injured workers. It makes sense to grant them full attending physician status when there is such a huge lack of healthcare providers who will even accept workers' compensation cases in Oregon. I respectfully ask you to consider voting no on HB-3374.

Sincerely,

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