

Labor and Workplace Standards Committee Chair Grayber and members of the Committee RE: **Opposing House Bill 3374**

I strongly oppose House Bill 3374, which would allow SAIF Corporation to create its own Managed Care Organization (MCO). It is my opinion that the following negative outcomes would occur:

- 1. **Reduced Access to Care**: Existing MCOs already limit access by using closed provider panels. A SAIF-run MCO would further restrict injured workers' access to timely and quality care.
- 2. **Poor Treatment of Injured Workers**: SAIF is criticized for routinely denying legitimate claims and not prioritizing the needs of injured workers. Rather than creating another MCO, I advocate for eliminating MCOs altogether to allow patients to choose their own providers, including chiropractors.
- 3. Limited Provider Availability: Many listed MCO providers do not accept workers' compensation cases, making it difficult for injured workers to get treatment or appropriate referrals—sometimes requiring long travel.
- 4. **Unequal Provider Recognition**: I also objects to the bill's apparent support for granting "attending physician status" to nurse practitioners and physician assistants, while excluding chiropractors despite their clinical qualifications.

I urge the committee to vote **no** on HB 3374.

Regards,

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