

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:

- 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.
- 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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