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Labor and Workplace Standards Committee

RE: Opposing House Bill 3374

Dear members of the Committee

I express my strong opposition to SAIF Corporation's attempt to start its own "Managed Care Organization (MCO)," which will result in reduced injured worker access to timely care. For many years now, the MCOs in Oregon have all been "closed panel," meaning only a minimal number of healthcare providers are allowed on their panel of healthcare providers.

In circa 1991-1992, when the state of Oregon's MCOs began, they were an open panel; "any willing healthcare provider" agreeing to follow the MCO rules and state law was allowed on the panel, providing greater access to quality care for injured workers. I understand this all changed at the prompting or demand of SAIF Corporation, which required the MCOs to close their panels, limiting care for injured workers ever since.

Allowing SAIF to form its own MCO is a terrible idea for injured workers; please vote no on this proposal,

Thank you,

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