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Labor and Workplace Standards Committee Department of Consumer and Business Services 350 Winter ST NE Salem, OR 97309

Re: Opposing House Bill 3374

Dear Chair Grayber and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my opposition to House Bill 3374. As a licensed chiropractic physician practicing in Oregon since 1997, I know how important it is for injured workers to receive timely treatment for their injuries. I believe HB 3374 would severely restrict injured worker's access to such treatment and force workers who live in smaller communities to drive long distances to seek out the proper care they need.

Amendments to this bill will also deny chiropractic physicians attending physician status. Chiropractic physicians are often the first contact for injured workers, are well trained in treating musculoskeletal injuries, and have excellent return-to-work results. The number of physicians who currently accept worker's compensation cases is already limited in our state. Approving HB 3374 will only further restrict access to quality care.

I strongly encourage you to vote "NO" on HB 3374.

Thank you for your time,

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