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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3374

Dear members of the Committee

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

Lastly, I have been informed that Saif's bill will also have a provision giving "attending physician status" to nurse practitioners and PAs (physician assistants), at the same time opposing Oregon chiropractic physicians seeking the same "attending physician status." This makes no sense given a chiropractic physician's significant level of clinical training, while at the same time the state has a huge lack of healthcare providers who will even see workers' compensation cases. I respectfully ask you consider voting no on HB-3374.

Thank you so very much,

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