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Committee Senate Members:

I am writing this letter in support of HB 380.

The intent of this letter is to address each one of you as Senators, not as democrats or republicans.

Your role is to make law and the Governor's duty is to make sure the law is faithfully executed. I mention the Governor's role because you sit here today with the decision to pass this law because the current and previous Governor have failed to faithfully execute laws this body has passed.

The following are issues that I believe this law can cure and ensure the integrity of the workers' compensation system and current Ohio law.

### **Claim Management**

When an injured worker files a workers' compensation claim certain information is required to ensure the integrity of the system. This required demographic information is the injured workers correct name, correct social security number and correct date of birth.

This demographic information is used to cross-match the Ohio BWC system to ensure the injured worker doesn't have a duplicate claim and a recent claim for the same injury. This information is also cross-matched with ISO to determine whether the injured worker has reported a similar injury to an insurance company as a result of a personal injury and not work related. During my tenure at BWC I personally witnessed many claims where a person was injured in an automobile accident and tried to file a false claim with the Ohio BWC.

In addition, this demographic information is cross-matched with Ohio Job and Family Services to deduct child support so our children citizens of Ohio are receiving the proper care ordered by a court.

Opponents that reject this bill cannot logically tell you why it's a good idea to allow an insurance company to continue knowingly using false information. Opponents cannot tell you why it is a good idea for mother not to be paid child support, BWC claims reps to not be able to determine whether an injured worker has been injured in a personal injury or why it's a good idea for the BWC to have duplicate claims for the same injury.

No legitimate insurance company in this country would knowingly allow false information to be filed with an application. In fact, there are warnings against this with private insurance carriers and the Ohio BWC.

### **Ohio Criminal Code**

As a former Ohio BWC Special Agent, I prosecuted illegal individuals who thought it was proper to file false information with the Ohio BWC. These crimes included identity theft, tampering with government records, falsification, forgery and workers compensation fraud.

After two years of successful prosecutions the BWC CEO thought the laws the Ohio Legislation passed were unfair and stopped all further investigations. Ironically, the Ohio BWC CEO thought it was proper to continue prosecuting legal citizens for crimes they were committing.

If the legislature thinks it's proper for an agency head appointed by the governor not to follow law. Are there any other laws the Governor and his agency heads don't have to follow? Is it ok with this body if an agency head nullifies your vote by not enforcing laws passed by this body?

This is the case with BWC administration and the Governors. They have nullified your votes and are running an insurance company with known false information.

### **Summary**

This bill corrects previous behavior and decisions that were based solely on politics. This bill is necessary to the integrity of the system and has nothing to do with race, culture, or any other argument expressed by the bills opponents.

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