



April 26, 2023

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives  
State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Members of the Minnesota Senate  
Minnesota Senate Building  
95 University Ave. W.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: 2023 Workers' Compensation Advisory Council recommendations  
HF 2988 (Wolgamott)/SF 3193 (McEwen)**

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) is a statutory council comprised of representatives from business and organized labor charged with recommending to the legislature amendments to Minnesota Chapter 176, the chapter governing workers' compensation in Minnesota. See Minn. Stat. § 175.007.

In a series of meetings, the WCAC unanimously approved amendments that will introduce efficiencies to the system, increase benefits for injured workers, control costs in the system, and establish groundwork to improve outcomes for injured workers with work-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The agreement builds on many months of work by the WCAC and stakeholders. It includes: criteria for certifying disputes at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry; a charge structure for copies of electronic medical records; a weighted increase to the permanent partial disability schedule payable to injured workers; reduction of medical costs under the hospital outpatient fee schedule over a three-year period; and a study of work-related PTSD.

The agreement is broadly supported by the WCAC members, stakeholders and legislative liaisons to the WCAC. We respectfully request the House and Senate to support the crucial work of the WCAC and vote in support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Nicole Blissenbach  
Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry  
WCAC Chair

Doug Loon  
President  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
WCAC Member

Bernie Burnham  
President  
Minnesota AFL-CIO  
WCAC Member

CC: Members of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council