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Dear Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature:

On behalf of the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council, we are writing to support Senate Bill-229 and Assembly Bill-232, companion bills, that are currently pending in the Legislature. These bills transfer worker's compensation adjudicatory functions from the Division of Hearings and Appeals in the Department of Administration to the Department of Workforce Development.

The Council was created to advise the Legislature and Department of Workforce Development on policy matters concerning the development and administration of ch. 102, Wis. Stats. (Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act). Council membership is comprised of five voting members representing employees, five voting members representing employers, three non-voting members representing the insurance industry, and one representative from the Department who serves as chair.

At a meeting on May 13, 2025, the Council voted unanimously to approve the passage of Senate Bill-229 and Assembly Bill-232 and to notify the Legislature about its position on these bills. The Council actively supports these bills and respectfully requests the Legislature to pass this legislation. These bills will increase efficiency, improve service, and maintain stability to the Wisconsin worker's compensation system. The Council previously approved the transfer of worker's compensation adjudicatory functions to the Department of Workforce Development as part of its Agreed Upon Bill for the 2019-2020 biennium contained in 2019 Senate Bill-673.

The Council thanks you for your time and consideration.

If there are any questions or if you need further information from the Council, please contact John Dipko, Chairperson, at (608) 590-7868 or john.dipko@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Best regards,

John Dipko
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