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Illinois Workers' Compensation Reform, May18, 2011

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Yes, Workers' Compensation "reform" is still on the minds of the Illinois legislators. This morning the following email alert from the Illinois Trial Lawyers was in my mailbox:

Strong rumor that Democratic leadership may move WC Legislation as early as tomorrow.

As we understand it, there is bad language on "Choice" (no employee choice outside of employer designated network-back door causation denial), "Utilization Review", "AMA Guides" and "Carpal Tunnel".

We do not have a Bill number –legislation not filed yet.

Please immediately contact your legislators (House & Senate) and urge them to oppose this blatant take away of rights.

We will update you as soon as we have further news or additional specifics as to language and timing.

CALL NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

My brother and sisters, that was the entirety of the message. If you want to contact your legislator to express your displeasure, here is a link to find your representative or state senator:

<http://www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx>

Copy and paste this into your browser to activate the link. This author continues to believe in the "agreed bill process" that started this system about 100 years ago. However, it is obvious that some legislators want to take away rights of the injured worker. Management gives up nothing in ANY proposal I have seen to date. Illinois must have a budget bill and a redistricting bill done this session. Why focus on Workers' Compensation? If you know the real answer, let me know!

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