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Illinois Politics and Workers' Compensation: Race for Governor

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Unless you are injured, or know a loved one who has been hurt on the job, a decision to vote usually does not take into consideration the issue of Workers' Compensation. In less than 30 days, the voters of Illinois will elect a governor and that governor will appoint Commissioners of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission and be responsible for the administration of benefits. Bill Brady, Republican candidate for Illinois Governor wants to abolish the free choice of medical providers for workers injured on the job and establish a system where the insurance company selects the treating doctor. (Speech by Bill Brady in Elmhurst, Ill. on 05/19/10.) Also, Bill Brady sponsored a bill limiting the rights of workers injured on the job to receive temporary total disability benefits after 104 weeks, regardless of whether the worker had sufficiently recovered to return to work. (SB 3830 filed 02/11/10.) As Governor of Illinois, Bill Brady will make radical changes favoring the insurance companies over injured workers. His opponent, Gov. Pat Quinn has a history of fighting for the rights of individuals against corporations and insurance companies. He is the founder of Citizens Utility Board (CUB) which has helped Illinois residents save money on their utility bills. Pat Quinn will continue his policies of advocating for the working men and women of the State of Illinois when re-elected.