



August 29, 2022

The Honorable Tom Daly
 1021 O Street, Suite 4650
 Sacramento, CA 957814

Re: AB 1751 (Daly) - COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Presumption
REMOVE OPPOSITION / NEUTRAL (as amended 8/25/2022)

Dear Assemblymember Daly,

The undersigned organizations write to remove our opposition to AB 1751, which would extend the sunset date on the existing workers' compensation presumption for COVID-19 by one years to January 1, 2025. We have previously communicated our willingness to remove opposition if the bill was amended to extend the sunset by one year instead of two. **Based on the August 25, 2022, amendments we are removing opposition and moving to a neutral position.**

California, early in the pandemic, chose to implement a COVID-19 presumption to ensure that employees would have access to the workers' compensation system in the event of an infection. Employers opposed the imposition of a presumption but worked in good faith with the legislature to develop a temporary policy that would help meet the needs of our employees in the face of a new and unpredictable virus.

California is no longer sheltering in place and the workplace does not represent a unique risk in most situations. California has implemented and repeatedly refined an Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19 and there are multiple free vaccines available for Californians who want to protect themselves. While we do not believe that the current workers' compensation presumption needs to be extended, we're willing accept an additional year. After that point, for the reasons mentioned above and many more, we'd respectfully urge the legislature to allow this presumption to sunset.

Thank you for working productively with our organizations on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Acclamation Insurance Management Services (AIMS)
Allied Managed Care (AMC)
American Property Casualty Insurance Association
Association of California Healthcare Districts
Association of Claims Professionals (ACP)
Breckpoint
California Association of Joint Powers Authorities
California Association of Winegrape Growers
California Beer and Beverage Distributors
California Business Properties Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Coalition on Workers' Compensation
California Farm Bureau
California Grocers Association
California Hospital Association
California League of Food Producers
California New Car Dealers Association
California Restaurant Association
California Special Districts Association
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Small and Disabled Veteran Businesses
Flasher Barricade Association (FBA)
Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers, California
League of California Cities
National Federation of Independent Business
Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM)
The Protected Insurance Programs for Schools & Community Colleges Joint Powers Authority (PIPS)
Urban Counties of California
Wine Institute