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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

As chairman of the 2009-10 Workers' Compensation Review Committee, I would like to inform you of the committee's activities. The six-member legislative committee will be accepting applications from injured employees who wish to have the committee review their workers' compensation claims. Please consider directing your constituents with concerns related to workers' compensation issues to apply to have the committee review their claims.

The committee's purpose is to review applicants' workers' compensation claims to determine whether changes should be made to the state's law relating to workers' compensation. Please be aware the committee is not authorized to adjudicate claims, the committee is not a forum for appeal, and the committee is not authorized to change any existing decisions of Workforce Safety and Insurance.

In order to qualify to have a claim scheduled for review, an applicant must:

1. Be an injured employee or the survivor of a deceased injured employee;
2. Have received a final determination regarding a North Dakota workers' compensation claim;
3. Have exhausted the administrative and judicial appeal process or the period for appeal must have expired;
4. Have signed the *Release of Information and Authorization*; and
5. Have a workers' compensation-related issue the applicant believes supports a change in the state's workers' compensation laws.

The committee plans to meet quarterly during the interim to the extent qualified applicants are available to present their claims for review. The committee anticipates it will continue to accept applications through June 30, 2010, to allow the committee to conclude its work by the end of the interim. Application forms are available online at [www.legis.nd.gov/council/documents/wcapapplications.html](http://www.legis.nd.gov/council/documents/wcapapplications.html) or your constituents may contact the Legislative Council office to request that an application be mailed.

The success of this committee depends on the participation of injured employees. The committee members greatly appreciate any help you can provide in making the public aware of the committee's activities. Please encourage your constituents who are injured employees with workers' compensation issues to apply to have the committee review their cases.

Sincerely,

Representative Dan Ruby  
Chairman  
Workers' Compensation Review Committee

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