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Attn: Janet Patterson
Workers Compensation Review
By email: Info@wcbreview.ca

June 18, 2019

Dear Ms Patterson,

I have been informed of your pending review of the BC Workers' Compensation System. Please accept this letter as part of your review.

I am a specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and have been in private practice in BC since 1990. For over 25 years, I have been involved in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal and neurological conditions. Many of my patients are injured workers who are concurrently involved with the BC Workers' Compensation System.

I have particularly taken an interest in **injured workers complaining of chronic pain**.

The attached paper, *Work injuries, chronic pain and the harmful effects of WorksafeBC/WCB compensation denial. A policy brief*, was published by the CCPA-BC in June 2015.

Since publication of the paper, I have met my MLA, David Eby, regarding the various issues raised in this paper and he referred me to the Minister of Labour. I then met with Ms Karen Cooling (Senior Ministerial Assistant to the Honourable Harry Bains). I also read and commented on a policy review by Mr. Paul Petrie which had been commissioned by the WSBC Board of Directors.

More than two years have now elapsed since the meeting and there still has been no response or indication of changes from WCB/WorkSafeBC. I look forward to the results of your review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss my comments. I can be reached at 604-732-7060.

Sincerely,

Cecil Hershler