

April 16, 2018

The Honorable Rocky Chavez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2170
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2047 (Chavez): City of Oceanside Lifeguard Benefits
OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman Chavez,

The California Coalition on Workers' Compensation (CCWC) is an association of California's public and private sector employers that advocates for a balanced workers' compensation system that provides injured workers with fair benefits, while keeping costs low for employers. Our members include not only businesses of every size, but also cities, counties, schools and other public entities.

CCWC must respectfully oppose your AB 2047, which would provide wage continuation under LC 4850 for workplace injuries suffered by lifeguards employed by the City of Oceanside. CCWC opposes legislation such as this because it simply complicates the administration of the workers' compensation system by creating classes of benefits where eligibility is based on job type and place of employment.

There is no reason that the lifeguards impacted by this bill can't negotiate this benefit as part of their collective bargaining agreement with the City of Oceanside, and we believe that would be the more appropriate avenue for seeking these special benefits.

Sincerely,



Jason Schmelzer
Legislative Advocate