

April 16, 2018

The Honorable Heath Flora
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3098
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3100 (Flora): Department of Forestry Meningitis Presumption
OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman Flora,

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 3100, which would expand the existing meningitis presumption to cover active firefighting employees of the California Department of Forestry. CCWC generally opposes presumptions in California workers' compensation law because we don't believe they are necessary, and only add to the administrative complexity and high cost of benefit delivery.

California has a no-fault system of providing workers' compensation benefits that is designed to err on the side of providing benefits to workers. CCWC opposes the proliferation of injury presumptions that unnecessarily complicate the workers' compensation system and create a tiered benefit structure where different types of workers face disparate legal standards and receive unequal benefits.

For these reasons, we respectfully OPPOSE your AB 3100.

Sincerely,



Jason Schmelzer
Legislative Advocate