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The Honorable Kevin de Leon
Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: George Parisotto Appointment
Administrative Director, Division of Workers' Compensation

Dear Senator de Leon,

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.

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is a key regulator for the workers' compensation system in California, and serves as the primary enforcement agency as it pertains to the quality of claims-handling by administrators. The legislature has granted the DWC broad regulatory authority to implement important aspects of the workers' compensation system, like utilization review and Independent Medical Review. The Administrative Director oversees the Division's operations, and is vital to the successful operation of California's massive workers' compensation system.

CCWC is proud to support George Parisotto as Administrative Director of the DWC. Mr. Parisotto has served as Acting Administrative Director for the DWC since February of 2016. We have seen Mr. Parisotto exhibit a steady hand in the development of regulations, a fair temperament as an enforcer of standards, and an open door as a public policy expert. We support Mr. Parisotto because we know him to be a fair, even-handed, and thoughtful regulator who has strived to promote balanced workers' compensation system that provides injured workers with fair benefits, while keeping costs low for employers.

For these reasons and more, CCWC strongly supports Mr. Parisotto's appointment as Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, and we respectfully request your AYE vote when his confirmation is before the committee.

Sincerely,

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