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Re: Senate Bill 303

Dear Senator Paskvan:

First let me thank you for your efforts in trying to correct an unfair provision in the worker's compensation law, passed during the corrupt reign of Bill Allen, which provides immunity to project owners or general contractors from fairly compensating a worker injured by the direct negligence of a project owner or general contractor.

My name is Pat Thompson, age 52, and I am an example of how this law you are trying to change can destroy a working man's life.

I worked in the oil fields in Alaska my entire adult life and was proud to do so and was treated well.

On October 4 of 2006 I worked for PEAK Oilfield Services. On that day I was assigned a fire truck to help clean a Vac truck at the Beluga waste disposal facility which is owned and operated by Conoco Phillips. During the cleaning, I suffered a devastating electrical shock when I touched the Vac truck. These trucks are supposed to be grounded to protect against static electricity. Conoco failed to provide any kind of ground. If the ground had been provided, I would have used it.

I now live with a brain injury. My partner, Tory Sandoz, has helped me compose this letter as I am unable to do this on my own. I am unable to provide a living for myself due to inability to organize, recall recent information, and physically move about for more than an hour or two without rest. I must take medicine to manage depression, nerve pain, stabilize mood. My relationships are suffering as they are weary of my constant pain. I feel like I am an 80 year old man.

As you know, the worker's comp system is pretty bad. I paid over \$20,000 from my life savings to get a proper diagnosis and treatment from specialists in Chicago. The work comp matter grinds on with no help in sight. I have no income and must tap into my very rapidly dwindling retirement account.

God bless you and the other compassionate legislators for trying to undo this horrible legislative mistake.

Very truly yours,

Patrick A. Thompson