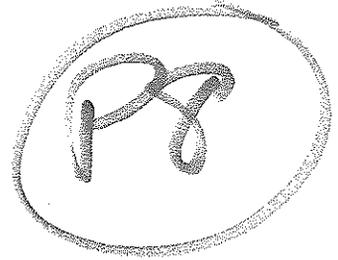


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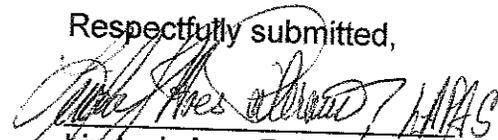


Regarding: Senate Bill 986: AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EMPLOYER'S NOTICE TO DISPUTE CERTAIN CARE DEEMED REASONABLE FOR AN EMPLOYEE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

As a person that was injured while at employment 21 years ago, (12/2/1989) I have been and continue to be denied treatment that my physician and neurologist deemed necessary. I fully support SB 986, because over the years, many persons who have been injured at employment for the most part are being denied proper course of treatment, and reduction thereof, in total contradiction to the Act and for lack of written notices (with emphasis), being provided by employers through to claimant(s)/employees, the commissioner, physician or surgeon the proposed discontinuance, reduction or denial of the course of medical care in the matter violation of section 31-296 of general statues. SB 986, provides reassurance to the parties they may request a hearing on any such proposed discontinuance, reduction or denial not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice. Such notice of intention to deny medical treatment shall be issued not later than five days after a notice of need for treatment is received by the employer, employer's insurer, employer's claim administrator or Second Injury Fund. The commissioner shall not approve such discontinuance, reduction or denial prior to expiration of the period for requesting a hearing or the completion of the hearing, whichever is later. This defines a time table for both parties to adhere to in the event that a discontinuance, reduction or denial is desired and will allow the injured worker to continue being treated until the employer, employer's insurer, employer's claim administrator or Second Injury Fund can offer proof that the treatment is unreasonable. Either party may request a formal hearing on the commissioner's decision to grant or deny the discontinuance, reduction or denial. Wherefore, I request that the Labor Committee fully vote in favor of,

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Ares Palermo, LAPAS". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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