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**To:** Members of the Labor Committee

**From:** Vincent J. Loffredo  
Director of Government Relations

**RE:** ***Raised Bill No. 986***  
***An Act Concerning Additional Requirements For An Employer's  
Notice To Dispute Certain Care Deemed Reasonable For An  
Employee Under The Worker's Compensation Act***

CEA is in favor of the passage of Raised Bill 986. **An Act Concerning  
Additional Requirements For An Employer's Notice To Dispute Certain  
Care Deemed Reasonable For An Employee Under The Worker's  
Compensation Act.**

This bill defines how an employer or insurer must proceed if they wish to discontinue, reduce or deny medical treatment which has been recommended by a treating physician. The employer or insurer would not be allowed to arbitrarily interrupt or stop treatment without first notifying the employee, his/her physician or surgeon and the commissioner, of their intent to do so, the reason why the care should be discontinued, reduced or denied and the time frames within which responses should be made. The commissioner could not approve any of the insurers or employers requests before the hearing or before the hearing request date has expired. It also makes the employer responsible for proving that the recommended medical care or treatment is not reasonable.

CEA believes these steps are necessary and appropriate before an employee's medical treatment is changed or modified.

We urge the committee to vote in favor of of Raised Bill 986.

Thank you for your consideration.