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**Written Testimony of Linda Palermo, an Injured Worker**

**To Labor and Public Employees Committee**

**February 26, 2013**

**IN OPPOSITION TO SB 907,**

**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**

I speak and submit my written testimony in opposition to SB 907 on the bases it simply put another layer of bureaucratic red tap to the system that ultimately denies injured workers treatment/benefits when related to accepted claim and allows employers and commissioner to manipulate the facts surrounding a claims by adding requirements for an employer to dispute certain care deemed reasonable. Licensed qualified medical professionals are suppose to determine and make recommendations as to what is deem reasonable and necessary care not a commissioner and or employer and or attorney who has lacks medical credentials and qualification. Many denials have taken a toll on the injured and their families. There are at least 10 cases if not more where injured persons have caused harm to others and themselves because they were denied benefits. My claim is 24 yrs old. An attorney who had no standing in the compensation claim was tipped of by the office manager in the Fourth District Workers Compensation Office, information as to when an informal hearing was being held. He was allowed to sit in along with the attorney representing the claims adjusters. I recently learned that the attorney has made and disseminated unethical statement that if you want to win a case in Superior Court, and or Workers Compensation forum, doesn't represent Linda Ayres Palermo. This same office manager has placed my compensation file in the open office area for other to view, telling them it is kept there because I am a problem case. Where in the Administrative Agency CT. WC Statues does it allow for attorneys having no standing in a claim to sit in on a compensation hearing and to make such an unethical offer to win a case? Where in the Administrative Agency WC Statutes does it allow for an Office Manager to refer to an inured worker as a problem case and or to keep the file in the open office for others to view?

**The Labor Committee such propose, changes to the legislation and the Compensation Act that prevent such interferences from occurring.**

**Why should anyone support the raised Bill 207, when in fact the it ultimately sugar coats and denies injured workers treatment/benefits when related to accepted claim or not, and allows employers and commissioner to manipulate the facts surrounding a claims by adding such requirements, and who are not licensed medical professional?. Legislators should concentrate on enacting the Workers Compensation Act for its true intent and not implement and support the revolving door technique. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.**

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