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Governor Jerry Brown
C/O State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

The Academy of Forensic Industrial Chiropractic Consultants (AFICC) opposes SB 863, arguing that while the bill contains a partial restoration of permanent disability benefits for some injured workers, it denies case management of the injured by the Chiropractic Profession as allowed by LC 4600. With termination of the Chiropractor's position as the Primary Treating Physician (PTP) following 24 visits, AFICC believes that SB 863 intends to take away the rights of many of the injured workers to receive beneficial non-drug oriented care and case management of their injuries. AFICC argues that this bill intends to remove the Chiropractic profession from the management of the injured worker by unjustly imposing LC §4604.5(d) & (f) restriction to 24 treatments as a precursor to excluding the Chiropractic Profession from the position as the PTP, thus ignoring the California Medical Treatments Utilization Schedule for Chronic Pain (CA-MTUS) and eliminating Chiropractic care within the confines of future medical care. This deviation away from non-drug oriented care will lead to a greater use of narcotics, documented adverse reactions and drug dependency for the injured. This increase drug dependency has shown to result in increased temporary and greater permanent disability. AFICC argues that statistics show lower costs per injury, less drug dependency and less disability with Chiropractic care. AFICC believes that further restrictions to Chiropractic care as outlined by SB 863 is another step in discrimination of the Chiropractic profession, elimination of a level of care to cure and relieve the effects of the industrial injury, and a step in the wrong direction.

Sincerely,

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