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March 28, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SUBJECT: H.B. 2386, SD1 RELATING TO WORKERS COMPENSATION

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, April 01, 2008
TIME: 10:15a.m. (or immediately following completion of the
10:00a.m. agenda)
PLACE: Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

King & Neel, Inc., an independent insurance agency specializing in the building industry, **strongly opposes** the passage of H.B. 2386, SD1 Relating to Workers Compensation.

The bill would require an employer to pay temporary total disability benefits regardless of whether the employer controverts the right to benefits. The bill also specifies that the employee's ability to return to work is to be decided by the employee's treating physician.

The provision of H.B. 2386, SD1 erode employers' rights and their ability to control their costs. If passed, this bill would increase the cost of workers compensation by providing another incentive for workers not to return to work because they could determine (with their treating physician) when they choose to return to work. To force employers to continue TTD benefits for a period of time to be determined essentially by the employee is unreasonable.

Thank you for considering our concerns on the above bill.

Sincerely,

John N. Bustard
Executive Vice President