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"This is a copy of a letter which I sent to our governor after many years of frustration"



Dear Governor Brown:

I worked for over thirty years as a paint spray equipment demonstrator in California. I contracted cancer as a result of exposure to carcinogens on the job. The date of my injury is September, 2009. My case went to trial on October 1st, 2014. There is no dispute as to whether my cancer was caused by my employment. The dispute is my level of permanent disability.

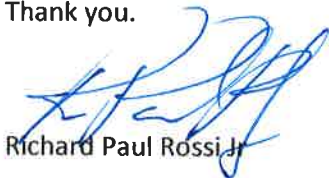
The last decision by the trial judge issued on 5/23/16. My attorney appealed that decision. The appeal was granted by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board on 8/4/16. However, the Appeals Board indicated that they needed time to study the issues. Now, nearly eight months later, and almost two-and-a-half years after my case went to trial, I am still waiting for a decision.

I understand that the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board is short staffed because you have not appointed Commissioners to fill vacancies on the Board. There are currently two vacancies for a Board that is supposed to have seven members.

I am writing to beg you to please fill these vacancies as soon as possible. I am not the only person in California whose workers' compensation case been put on indefinite hold as a result of the Appeals Board not being fully staffed. I am told that the California Constitution requires that all workers' compensation cases be decided "expeditiously." Your failure to fill vacancies on the Board renders that provision meaningless.

The inability of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to decide cases in a timely manner because they are short staffed has very real and devastating consequences for people like me. As the saying goes, justice delayed is justice denied. Please appoint people to fill the vacancies on the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board as soon as possible.

Thank you.



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