

TO PRESIDENT OBAMA - VIA E-MAIL - 1/29/13

Mr. President,

You speak of taking steps to “level the playing field, so everybody plays by the same rules”. This is/ has not been done for the vast majority of the American workers who, because of lack of safety and health on the job, have acquired a job related injury and/or illness.

Did you know that employee’s gave up the right to sue when they have been injured on the job? Employee’s can sue for discrimination, sexual harassment, whistleblower retaliation, failure to receive pay; but not for an occupational acquired injury or illness. The only remedy for work related injuries and illnesses is state workers compensation (WC).

Are you aware that WC “commissioners” and “judges”, who once represented insurance companies, self insured employers and public agencies before WC Appeals Boards [who are biased and have conflicts of interest] “throw” WC cases and side with the employer and insurance companies against the injured/ill worker?

Are you aware state WC systems are run by the insurance industry?

Are you aware the WC systems “shift the cost” of medical care for occupational acquired injuries/ illnesses to Federal & state programs, i.e. MediCare; and this has been a common practice?

My son’s occupational acquired illnesses, surgeries, immunoglobulin infusions and other medical related treatments [all are attributed to his workplace exposure to microorganisms in a biolab] at the end of ’05 reached over \$333,000 and had Medicare not paid for the vast majority, my son would not be alive today. I believe it was Mr Biden who said during the campaign that no one should have to die trying to make a living.

Are you aware that state agencies do not uphold the laws, which are meant to protect the safety and health of the American worker, and the only concern is to generate income from the businesses in the state?

Are you aware that some members of congress and other federal government agencies overlook health and safety problems in new technologies, specifically biotech because of conflicts of interests?

Are you aware that biotech companies do not report work related injury/illness for fear of not getting their product/s approved by governing agencies, loss of grants and investors?

So many lives have been ruined because of work related injuries/illnesses and the rightful owners of liability is the unsafe business/s and their insurance carrier/s and not state and federal assistance. I beg of you to take action and stop this travesty.

[REPLY FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Response to Your Message

The White House <no-reply@correspondence.whitehouse.gov>

Thu, Jan 31, 2013 at 2:57 PM

To: biotechharm@gmail.com



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your thoughtful words. The messages I receive from Americans like you remind me of what is best about our country. I am more determined and inspired than ever about the work before us and the future that lies ahead for our Nation.

The American people are looking for cooperation, consensus, and common sense in our Government, and they have shown they want action. I intend to deliver that in the months and years ahead. From putting Americans back to work to expanding access to medical care, my Administration will continue to do what is right to move our Nation forward. We have enacted the most comprehensive financial reforms in decades, rescued and helped retool our auto industry, expanded student aid to millions of young people, helped level the playing field for working women, and made the largest investment in clean energy in our history. Because of the courageous acts of our service members, we have been able to end the war in Iraq and take down Osama bin Laden. We have also made historic commitments to provide for our troops as they return home.

Securing our country's future will take time, but I will not stop working to rebuild the kind of America where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same rules. I remain committed to working with leaders of both parties to meet the challenges we can only solve together.

Despite all our differences, we are one American family, and our country is at its best when we accept our obligations to one another and to future generations. While we have faced great hardship, we know that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to write. I encourage you to explore www.WhiteHouse.gov to learn more about how we are moving America forward. To find ways to get involved with my Administration, please visit www.WhiteHouse.gov/Engage.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama

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REPLY TO PRESIDENT OBAMA - VIA E-MAIL - *JANUARY 31, 2013*

Mr. President,

Your 1/31/13 reply to my 1/29/13 letter was generic and did not address any issues I conveyed to you concerning injured/ill American workers and the massive corruption and collusion by state workers compensation (WC) systems and the insurance industry “shifting the cost” of medical care to MediCare.

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[SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 REPLY FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA ON NEXT PAGE]
NEARLY 9 MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT OF 2nd EMAIL TO HIM

Response to Your Message

The White House <no-reply@correspondence.whitehouse.gov>

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Mon, Sep 23, 2013 at 3:03 PM



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

Thank you for writing. I have heard from many Americans about the concerns of working men and women, and I appreciate your perspective.

Since our Nation's founding, we have relied on the firm resolve and commitment of working Americans. These men and women are the backbone of our communities and power the engine of our economy.

Workers have not always possessed the same rights and benefits many enjoy today. But throughout our history, hardworking individuals have joined together to exercise their right to a voice in the workplace. Through these efforts, the labor movement has improved the lives of countless working Americans and their families by representing their views and advocating for better wages and safe, fair working conditions. Over time, this work has helped lay the cornerstones of middle-class security—the 40-hour workweek and weekends, paid leave and pensions, the minimum wage and health insurance, and Social Security and Medicare. As we support the groundbreaking contributions of the American workers who have built our country and brightened our tomorrow, we must continue to protect the role and rights of workers in our national life, including their right to collective bargaining.

Every day, hard-working men and women across America prove that, even in difficult times, our Nation is still home to the most innovative, dynamic, and talented workers in the world. Generations of working people have built our Nation—from our highways and skylines to the goods and services driving us in the 21st century. My Administration remains committed to supporting their efforts in moving our economy forward.

Thank you, again, for writing. I encourage you to read more about my Administration's approach to this complex issue and other critical matters at www.WhiteHouse.gov.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama

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