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****CALL TO ACTION****

Ask Your State Senator to Support SB530

We need your help to garner support for pro-business legislation in Arkansas.
Please contact your state senator and ask them to support SB530.

Senate Bill 530 will directly impact individual companies' workers' compensation costs. This bill will reset a law in Arkansas to allow employers or insurers to recoup workers' compensation costs from a settlement or judgment when a third party is responsible for a workplace injury. Currently, when a worker is injured by a third party, the employer or insurer is unable to recover the cost of the workers' compensation claim from the at-fault party. This means all medical costs as well as a major part of the employee's lost wages are paid by workers' comp and then paid again by the at-fault party's insurance company.

Contact your state senator and ask him/her to support SB530! **Click here** and enter your address for your state senator's name and email address. **A suggested message is included below.**

We appreciate your support as we continue working to promote a pro-business environment in Arkansas.

SAMPLE EMAIL TO ARKANSAS SENATOR

[Sen. NAME]:

My name is [YOUR NAME]. I'm with [COMPANY NAME], a member of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas. **I am writing to ask you to vote FOR SB530.**

SB530 will provide fairness for employers seeking to recoup expenses for costly workers' compensation claims when they are not at fault. Currently, when a worker is injured by a third party, the employer or insurer is unable to recover the cost of the claim from the at-fault third party, resulting in a double recovery for the employee and double the claim costs on the insureds and more expensive insurance for all employers.

This bill does **NOT** alter an employer's obligation to provide workers' compensation coverage and benefits regardless of fault, nor does it change the injured worker's benefits from their workers' compensation claim. Instead, SB530 will allocate ongoing losses to the responsible party and still allow for monetary damages to injured workers.

By supporting this bill, you're continuing to protect the working men and women of Arkansas while also promoting a fair insurance environment for employers. If you have additional questions about how this will impact our industry, please don't hesitate to reach out to Arkansas State Chamber President/CEO Randy Zook or me.

Thank you for your time and support.

[SIGNATURE]

(NOTE: If you reside in the districts of Sen. Wallace (lead sponsor), Sen. Ballinger, Sen. Eads, Sen. Garner, Sen. Hester, Sen. Irvin or Sen. Rapert, please thank them for sponsoring this bill.)

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