



May 30, 2024

The Honorable Lola Smallwood-Cuevas  
Chair, Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee  
State Capitol, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: *AB 2337 (Dixon) - Workers' compensation: Electronic Signatures*  
**SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Smallwood-Cuevas:

The undersigned organizations are proud to **SUPPORT** your **AB 2337** which seeks to address a critical issue concerning the use of electronic signatures in proceedings before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB). AB 2337 would authorize the use of certain electronic signatures in workers' compensation proceedings on a permanent basis, a practice that was temporarily permitted by Governor Newsom's emergency order during the COVID-19 state of emergency. This measure is vital as it will ensure efficiency and consistency in WCAB proceedings.

The current requirement under the Labor Code mandates a compromise and release of a workers' compensation claim to contain the "signature" of the employee or other beneficiary, attested by two disinterested witnesses, or acknowledged before a notary public. During the COVID-19 state of emergency, WCAB temporarily authorized the use of electronic signatures on compromise and release forms. Unfortunately, when the state of emergency was lifted by the Governor, WCAB automatically rescinded the authorization for electronic signatures.

During the COVID-19 state of emergency, electronic signatures proved to be effective in workers' compensation proceedings. By making this practice permanent, AB 2337 improves the administrative efficiency of California's workers' compensation system.

For these reasons, we **SUPPORT AB 2337** as a sensible step forward in streamlining processes in the workers' compensation system.

Sincerely,

Acclamation Insurance Management Services (AIMS)  
Allied Managed Care (AMC)  
American Property Casualty Insurance Association  
Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD)  
California Association of Joint Powers Authorities  
California Chamber of Commerce  
California Coalition on Workers' Compensation  
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority  
California Special Districts Association  
California State Association of Counties  
League of California Cities  
Public Risk Innovation Solutions and Management  
Urban Counties of California

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee