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Representative Liz Pike
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Representative Pike,

It is important to understand that at some point individuals must take a basic responsibility for the safety of themselves and those who work around them. They break the rules and put themselves in danger as well as put those around them at risk; they must be held accountable for their actions.

The current system allows workers to be compensated through time loss for lost wages if they are injured on the job, regardless of whether or not they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If a worker is injured and is determined to have been under the influence, they receive the same benefits as a worker not under the influence. Workers have no incentive to return to the workplace; especially if they do not have employment waiting with their former employer.

The State takes driving a motor vehicle under the influence very seriously, as well they should. Penalties can range from jail to heavy fines. However in the case of Labor and Industries, workers face no such punitive actions. In fact the state pays them while they recover! This makes absolutely no sense and I would argue that their actions under the influence are equally egregious.

Please send a message that drugs in the workplace are not ok and you risk loss of wages if you break the law and put yourself and those around you at serious risk. We owe it to the innocent workers and their families who are affected by those who feel it is ok to work under the influence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Rudi", is written over a faint, larger signature.

John Rudi
President
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