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Subject: Assemblyman Gottfried's powerful April 8th statement on the Assembly floor regarding the workers' compensation drug prescription legislation in budget bill #A.3009-C

TO: Mischa Sogut/Legislative Director to Assemblyman Richard Gottfried

This follows up my phone call a short time ago, requesting to speak with you.

On April 8th, Assemblyman Gottfried delivered powerful remarks from the Assembly floor in opposition to a system for a prescription drug formulary as part of workers' compensation that is within budget bill #A.3009-C. Here's the video: http://nystateassembly.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4213 – the Assemblyman's remarks are at about 4 hours/20 minutes.

Kindly identify the part/section of the budget bill to which Assemblyman Gottfried was referring – as “with no process as to how it is set up, other than the chair of the workers' comp board will create it”; “little guidance in the statute as to what the criteria will be...”, “no process provided in the bill”; “no criteria...as to when to grant it and when not”; having “spr[u]ng forth to public view a few hours ago. It was not in the original bill as submitted by the governor. It has never seen the light of day until, literally, after dawn this morning, so the general public never had any opportunity to even know that this concept was on the table...” – “hell to pay”, if applied in other contexts; “language [that] is just wrong, not the way we should be treating workers who are injured or diseased from their employment...”

Especially as Assemblyman Gottfried has pledged to take steps “over the next few weeks” – so that it is “more civilized legislation” – I look forward to alerting you to an opportunity Assemblyman Gottfried has to do just that – and to speaking with Assemblyman Gottfried directly about it.

Thank you.

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