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Stop L&I Tax Increases and Save Our Jobs!

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No on I-1082 Relies on a Campaign of Lies

Commercials sponsored by No campaign laden with mistruths

OLYMPIA—Demonstrating that desperate times call for desperate measures, the trial lawyer and labor union funded No on I-1082 campaign is airing commercials laden with lies.

LIE #1

Insurance companies wrote I-1082.

TRUTH

Small businesses tired of paying skyrocketing workers' comp taxes wrote I-1082, with the advice and counsel of a well-respected attorney and former Supreme Court Justice. The insurance industry played no role in drafting I-1082. The "No" campaign has provided no evidence of insurance industry involvement – but tv stations continue to air their false ads.

LIE #2

I-1082 will allow insurance companies to "take over the system."

TRUTH

If I-1082 passes, the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) will continue to exist as a workers' compensation insurer along with private insurers who will be allowed to enter the market. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner will regulate all workers' compensation insurers, including L&I, which currently operates without any oversight from the OIC.

LIE #3

"Insurers will deny legitimate claims like they do in other states."

TRUTH

All the laws governing the amount and provision of workers' comp benefits are [set in statute by the Legislature](#) and all workers' comp insurers must follow them. I-1082 gives regulatory authority over approving and licensing private insurers [to the Office of Insurance Commissioner](#). According to OIC, insurers "will be subject to the regulatory requirements of the [state insurance code](#), involving admission, financial, solvency and market analysis oversight," they "will be subject to the unfair claims practices rules and statutes," the OIC will have authority to approve or deny variations from rates filed by an independent ratings bureau, and "consumers who disagree with claims decisions made by private insurers will be able to file complaints with the OIC."



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The oversight of insurers provided by I-1082 is actually **stronger** than current law. L&I's Industrial Insurance program is not subject to consumer protection laws, the Insurance Fair Conduct Act or other laws commonly used to govern insurance companies. I-1082 corrects this and provides greater protection for small businesses and injured workers.

"The trial lawyer and labor union opponents of I-1082 have no convincing argument against the common sense of ending a failing government monopoly in favor of competition," said Patrick Connor, NFIB/Washington State Director, a key supporter of I-1082. "So their only hope is to run a campaign based on lies in an effort to dupe voters into rejecting a measure that will bring Washington State in line with what 46 other states already do," said Connor.

For more information on I-1082, visit www.SaveOurJobsWA.com and www.JobsNotLies.com.

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