

February 6, 2018

***RE: Making Workers Compensation Death Benefits Adequate***

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to register our support for the SB339 bill. Senator Tom Holland has brought this in front of the committee.

We lost our son in a work place accident in an explosion at Atchison, KS in 2011 where 6 workers were killed. This has forever changed all of our lives. The Families have found that the Workers Compensation Death Benefits are lacking as a whole, due to the fact, that the death benefits haven't been updated in approximately 30 plus years to address the cost of a death of a loved one. As a parent, I, Zoe Bock, know what it is like for a child to lose their parent at a young age. The workers compensation death benefit is wholly inadequate, as it was written, to supply a child with the health and mental educational that is needed when it come with the loss of a parent.

We thank you for your time and hope that the committee will make these changes.

Sincerely,

Zoe and Kevin Bock

