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Florida Chamber Applauds Gov. Crist Signing of Workers' Compensation Bill
Attorney fee glitch law will reduce costs for employers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (May 29, 2009) – The Florida Chamber of Commerce released the following statement today following the signing into law of HB 903:

Statement from Mark Wilson, President and CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce

“The Florida Chamber applauds Gov. Charlie Crist and the Florida Legislature for taking immediate action to lower workers compensation costs for Florida employers. With unemployment in Florida at 9.6%, Florida’s employers need these resources to hire more employees and assist them in transitioning through these tough economic times.

This legislation ensures injured workers receive more in benefits than plaintiffs’ trial lawyers do in fees. The signing of this critical legislation is a victory for Florida’s employers, especially small businesses, who cannot afford higher costs simply to increase attorneys’ fees.”

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