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Permanent Disability Horror Story No. 7: Wayne Barrett *“We were doing great before my work injury.”*

SACRAMENTO – VotersInjuredatWork.org today released the seventh of nineteen Permanent Disability Horror stories spotlighting injured California workers being harmed by the governor’s deep cuts in their permanent disability compensation.

WAYNE BARRETT’S PERMANENT DISABILITY HORROR STORY

About Me: My name is Wayne Barrett. I am 50 years old, married and I live in Olivehurst, near Marysville.

My Family: I have one daughter, who’s 22 and attending college.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as a foreman and tree-trimming specialist for 2 1/2 years at one of the most beautiful developments in the world in Monterey County. I ran a crew of 21 people and used heavy equipment to clear lots for new homes, remove poison oak and clear brush. My employers treated me well. I loved my job and was making great money. In April 2003, a large log broke loose from a tractor, rolled down a hill and broke my right knee, also tearing the ligaments.

How the Governor’s Schedule Affects Me

BEFORE SCHWARZENEGGER ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE:
\$38,850

AFTER SCHWARZENEGGER ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE:
\$21,043 (Down 46%)

The “Permanent Disability Horror Story” campaign seeks to have the Legislature and the Governor agree to lessen the governor’s drastic reductions in the meager compensation injured workers receive. The legislative leaders promised to change the schedule during this year’s session.

For more information and to view Wayne Barrett’s Horror Story poster, visit VotersInjuredatWork.org at <http://www.viaw.org>.

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