

Permanent Disability Horror Story No. 6 Robert Jackson

The Schwarzenegger Administration's Disability Rating Schedule severely cuts benefits to permanently disabled workers.

About Me: My name is Robert Jackson. I am 55 years old and I live in Patterson, in the Central Valley.

My Family: I have three grown daughters.

My job and what happened: I worked for ten years helping assemble and inspect new cars on the auto assemblyline at the New United Motors plant in Fremont, in the Bay Area. I am a member of the United Auto Workers. My job required me to bend and stoop every day, which injured my back. I tripped, slipped and fell several times during my 10 years on the assemblyline, and it left me with severe back pain. I also injured both of my hands and my left elbow.



What this has meant to my life: I live with constant back pain, and have been unable to return to work. I need surgery, but there's no guarantee surgery will make my back better. It may make it worse. I have pain medication, but taking too much of it is bad for me, so I live with the pain. I've endured severe financial sacrifice, and have had to borrow money from my daughters, family and friends. This has caused strain on my marriage and stress about how I'll make ends meet. I've gone from being a proud, productive worker, husband and father to being a burden on my family and friends.

How the Governor's Schedule Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me:

I may need surgery and don't know if I'll be able to return to work. The governor's PD schedule takes away nearly 60% of my permanent partial disability compensation. How am I to repay the loans I've received while awaiting settlement of my case? This is my ONLY compensation for the pain, the suffering, the loss of quality of life, the inability to even lift more than 30 pounds.

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