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**BILL WOULD BAN BIAS IN DISABILITY BENEFITS:  
Migden Bill to Prohibit Insurers from Penalizing Women,  
Ethnic Minorities, Older Workers;  
Millions of Dollars Deducted each Year**

On Tuesday, February 12th, Sen. Carole Migden, VotersInjuredatWork.org, the California Applicants Attorneys Association (CAAA) and supporters will unveil legislation to ban race, gender and age discrimination in awarding disability compensation to workers injured on the job. SB 899, Governor Schwarzenegger's workers' compensation bill, is permitting discrimination against California workers based on their age, race and gender. The measure allows insurers and doctors to reduce permanent disability compensation awards based on gender, race and age. Compensation to disabled workers has been cut by millions each year due to this discrimination.

"Tuesday is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and on that day we will launch our effort to ban discrimination based on genetic factors such as age, race and gender," said Sue Borg, president of CAAA, whose members represent those injured at work. "It boggles the mind that in 2008 insurers and their doctors are allowed to penalize women, minorities and the elderly. This measure will end such blatant bias and injustice in awarding disability compensation."

**WHO: Sen. Carole Migden; Injured workers and their advocates**

**WHEN: Tuesday, February 12, 2008  
10:00 am**

**WHERE: State Capitol, Room 113**

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