

## **Murdo, Patricia**

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**Subject:** Work Comp Judges, appoint/elect

Pat,

I visited with some friends concerning this subject and had a few opinions of my own that have nothing to do with my position on the commission. These come from 35 years in the construction industry and being involved as a state senator. Problem with election is pretty clear. 1. Statewide race, 2. Big expense to run a contested campaign, 3. A job no one wants to begin with because the judge has to live in Helena, but needs to travel all over the state, 4. Very specialized, so the electorate has no idea what they are voting on, 5. Fundraising from ordinary people very hard to do. End result, elections will be purchased by the Chamber of Commerce and big industry, leaving no chance that anyone who cares about injured workers will ever be the WC judge. With appointment, labor and the little guy at least have a fighting chance of getting the ear of the Governor.

That is about as straight forward as I can get. I would like to meet the committee, or if anyone has a question I would be happy to visit with them.

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