



**ISU Insurance Services
The Stratton Agency**

April 18, 2023

Subject: **Strong Opposition to HB 3243-A**

Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

As Chief Executive Officer of Stratton Insurance Services, Inc., which does business in The Dalles, Hermiston, Pendleton and La Grande, Oregon offices, we wish to voice our opposition to HB 3243-A.

We have been in the insurance business for 37 years now. We care deeply about our insurance clients. We believe the second lawsuits contained in this bill would increase costs for them by leading to inflated settlement demands, encouraging more lawsuits, clogging the court system, and there may be more fraud. It might also affect our own insurance agency, which is a small business.

The increase in underlying costs related to insurance claims has been shown in other states which have adopted this kind of legislation.

Please vote "NO" on HB 3243-A.

Sincerely,
Thank you for your consideration!

Michael C. Stratton
Chief Executive Officer