

To whom it may concern,

Hello my name is Chad Evans, I am an Arc Furnace Operator at ATI Millersburg in Albany, Oregon.

Unfortunately, I was injured on the job at ATI Millersburg(Wah Chang). I slipped backwards on a tool that was on some grating and landed on a tool board with some metal tool holders that scraped my back and punctured my skin in one place, the sudden stop from falling also gave me whiplash.

I reported the injury to my foreman. The next day the on site nurse wanted to interview me about the accident and check my injuries.

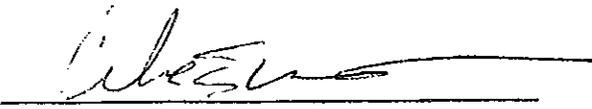
A day or two after the injury is when the whiplash really started to hurt. I was going to stand up and my neck area locked up on me and became so painful that I needed to go to immediate care, I called the nurse at work and told her what was happening. I told her I was going to go see a doctor in Corvallis but she demanded that I go see their doctor.

I told the nurse I didn't want to drive to Albany in this much pain. She said she would send a taxi from Albany to pick me up at my house in Corvallis if I would just agree to see their doctor. I asked her why she was so persistent on me seeing their doctor. She stated that she wanted to be in the loop and that it would cut down on a lot of unnecessary paperwork for her. The more I asked to see a different doctor the more angry she got. The nurse made me feel like I didn't even have a right to ask about a different doctor, so I didn't.

I wanted to believe they were looking out for my best interests until, I went back to work after missing a few days because of the injury. They had scheduled a meeting about my injuries and were trying to place the blame of my injuries on something that I did at or around my house. Their examples were like working in the yard or raking leaves.

In closing I would like to thank you and I would support and encourage any legislature that would help anyone that may be injured on the job like I was.

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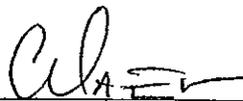
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I CHAD EVANS hereby authorize the attached letter describing my work related injury/s at ATI Wah Chang, to be used as public evidence and information.

The intent of this release is to provide first hand testimony of my experience, in relation to my own on the job injury.

Printed Name CHAD EVANS

Signature 

Date 2/4/16

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rebecca Gutbrod and I am writing in support of legislation which would help workers be more aware of their rights when injured on the job. My personal experiences below have led me to voice my concerns for other injured workers, in hopes they will not have to go through the difficulties I did after I was hurt at work.

I have worked for my employer since 2008 and have worked in many different duties during my employment.

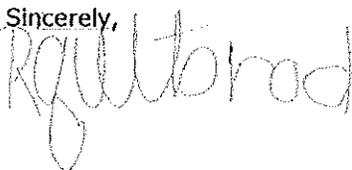
In 2014, I injured my wrist at work. I reported this to my supervisor and was processed through the on-site EMT's and Medical Department. Once I was at the Medical department, the on-site nurse immediately called the Occupational Medical department and scheduled me for an appointment. I had several visits to this company doctor before I realized a need to see my own doctor. I made an appointment and mentioned this to the Company nurse, but the nurse said it would not matter since the Company had the final say, so I cancelled my appointment. When I went back to the Company doctor, they refused to see me any more until I filled out Workers Comp paperwork, then they denied my claim. Everything became very complicated and I did not understand all the paperwork involved so I had to get an attorney. It is still an open claim.

August 26th 2015 at 0600 an explosion at work caused second degree burns to my face. EMT's came over, but this process went terribly wrong. They wanted me to stay at work until 0800 to see the nurse when she came in to work. Fortunately my supervisor agreed to take me to emergency room. ER treated my face but would/could not give me any pain medication (narcotic) but did give me a prescription. Unfortunately we were in a company truck and were not able to get the prescription filled. The company nurse wanted to see me when we got back to work. I took my supervisor with me as a witness because of what I went through the last time I saw the nurse. This time she wanted to make sure I would be at work the next day, offered to send someone to pick me up if I couldn't drive but I lived too far out. She wanted me in to see Occupational Medical center the next day and had made an appointment. After a few visits I requested to see a dermatologist/specialist and after some persistence, they picked a dermatologist at Corvallis Clinic. Since I did not know or have a dermatologist, I was okay with this selection.

This second injury I was more aware of what I could request to make sure I was receiving adequate treatment. But from the onset of both injuries, the Company medical department made me feel like I had to follow their system. They controlled the entire process and I felt forced to go and do as they said. Even when I was begging to go home because my face was so burnt and I was in so much pain, the company would not allow it. They wanted me to stay to sit in a 5-why meeting about the explosion.

I really hope something can be done so others do not have to go through what I have, and it is too bad employers need laws for them to treat their employees' right. Making employers notify injured workers of their rights will be a step in a positive direction.

Sincerely,



Date 2-4-16 ^{ATI}

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Printed Name REBECCA GUTBROD

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