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PCI Expresses Disappointment in Illinois High Court Overturning Medical Liability Caps

CHICAGO – The Illinois Supreme Court today declared medical liability damage caps unconstitutional and that could impact the state’s health care market and lead to higher costs for consumers, according to the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI).

“This decision is a step back for tort reform in Illinois,” said Deirdre Manna, vice president Industry, Regulatory and Political Affairs for PCI. “The litigation climate in Illinois continues to hurt the state’s economy and this decision sends the wrong message. Since 2005, when the State Legislature approved the caps, we have seen some stabilizing in costs. Twenty-nine states have caps and we find in these states that award caps tend to have a long term positive effect on the insurability and pricing of medical liability insurance. This ruling will signal a return to rising medical costs and the widespread inaccessibility of medical care. The citizens of Illinois understand the need for a balanced civil justice system, and PCI intends to stay in the forefront of the effort to bring the meaningful reforms that are essential for economic growth and a healthy, robust insurance market.”

PCI is composed of more than 1,000 member companies, representing the broadest cross-section of insurers of any national trade association. PCI members write over \$180 billion in annual premium, 37.4 percent of the nation’s property casualty insurance. Member companies write 44 percent of the U.S. automobile insurance market, 30.7 percent of the homeowners market, 35.1 percent of the commercial property and liability market, and 41.7 percent of the private workers compensation market.

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