

May 3, 2006

Latonya Puckett

Dear Ms. Puckett:

I have been recently sent a letter dated May 2, 2006 from [redacted] Group Insurance canceling [redacted] disability insurance. Strangely enough, and adding to the inappropriateness of the situation, the letter is dated May 2, 2006 and you canceled [redacted] disability May 1st. Clearly, this is an issue for your company and [redacted] that seems fairly inappropriate. I find it extremely embarrassing that you have chosen to pick and chose, and more or less cherry pick, out of letters to support, pause and ignore other statements clearly by physicians. Please note my letter of April 13, 2006 thus confirming the hypothetical possibility of [redacted] doing an extremely atypical form of sedentary work with marked conditions. While this is possible, it is not imply at all that [redacted] has the capacity to do these things from a medical point of view or vocational point of view of psychological point of view. They were strictly orthopedic issues. Even more outstanding is the fact that you have chosen completely to ignore the closing sentence of the letter which states "Please also note that [redacted] remains on chronic opioid treatments (chronic OxyContin) which may impair his judgment relating to work and travel." This is an extremely severe issue and needs to be taken into account for any type of job activity using mental skills. You have noted in your letter dated May 2nd that [redacted] could do jobs such as customer complaint clerk, customer order work and telemarketer. Not even getting into the orthopedic issues at hand, which have been previously noted, clearly you have chosen to ignore the last sentence which states that [redacted] is on chronic opioids which may clearly impair his judgment. Yet, you chose to try to assign job that require high levels of judgment. I would encourage you, certainly in this regard; to perform proper vocational analysis which I am sure would involve the psychological analysis, vocational testing, etc., to determine the relevance of a chronic opioid dependence related to his chronic pain issues and any type of hypothetical job issues that would require mental activity at a high functional rate. Please note that I am an