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**Statement from Becky Robinson, chair of the Oklahoma Injury Benefit Coalition, on the Passage
by the Oklahoma Senate of SB 1062**

“Today’s passage by the Senate of SB 1062 is an important step to providing Oklahoma a solution to one of the worst workers’ compensation systems in the country.

“The facts are overwhelming. There are few who seriously question whether or not the current adversarial system is the best that we can do. However, there will be those who have a financial stake in preserving the status quo that will defend it. It’s clear the tide is turning and that the excuses and stalling by those who oppose change have run their course.

“SB 1062 takes the best parts of an administrative system approach and combines it with a stronger version of the Texas opt-out option to provide a fair and balanced Oklahoma solution.

“An Oklahoma solution will be a game-changer for the state’s businesses and economy while providing workers with access to high quality medical care and better health outcomes.

“We are grateful to Senators Bingman and Sykes for their leadership on this issue and the months of work that they and their staffs have committed to developing an Oklahoma solution.”

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