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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER OPPOSES AB 8 AND APPLAUDS GOVERNOR
SCHWARZENEGGER FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO VETO THE BILL**

As an active participant in legislative efforts to fix our broken health care system, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes AB 8 – The Health Care Coverage: Employers and Employees Act – and applauds Governor Schwarzenegger for his commitment to veto the bill.

AB 8 does not meet the criteria set forth in the L.A. Area Chamber's [guiding principles](#) for health care reform and places the entire burden of expanding access to health insurance on the backs of business. The bill also fails to achieve universal coverage, fails to institute individual responsibility and unnecessarily disrupts the existing market-based healthcare system.

The L.A. Area Chamber continues to advocate for a health care reform solution that expands access to affordable, quality health insurance and includes shared financing responsibility among all stakeholders in the health care system. The L.A. Area Chamber believes that the Governor's plan provides the best possible platform for reform negotiations moving forward.

More information on the L.A. Area Chamber is available at www.lachamber.org.

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