



June 9, 2014

TO: Members, Assembly Health Committee

**SUBJECT: SB 1446 (DESAULNIER) HEALTH CARE COVERAGE
SUPPORT AS AMENDED – MAY 12, 2014**

The below listed organizations are pleased to **SUPPORT SB 1446 (DeSaulnier)**, which allows small employers who renewed their health coverage in 2013 to continue to renew their pre-ACA plans until January 1, 2015, and also allows those plans to remain in effect until December 31, 2015.

In March, the President announced that, with state authorization, small businesses would be allowed to continue renewing their pre-ACA health coverage through 2016, and for those plans to remain in force until fall of 2017, as part of his extended transition policy. **SB 1446** makes amendments in California law to allow small state employers to take advantage the first year of this extension.

This extended transitional period will give small employers more time to prepare to bear the costs associated with fully ACA –compliant plans, minimizing the potentially negative impacts this new burden could have on the continuing economic recovery.

For these reasons and more, we **SUPPORT SB 1446 (DeSaulnier)** and urge your **“Aye”** vote.

Sincerely,

California Chamber of Commerce
 Associated Builders and Contractors of California
 California Association of Health Underwriters
 California Manufacturer and Technology Association
 California Restaurant Association
 Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of California
 National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors - California
 National Federation of Independent Businesses
 San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
 Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce

cc: The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
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