

FRESNO CHAMBER



2009 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

VOTING WITH THE CHAMBER

CONGRESSMAN JIM COSTA	33%
CONGRESSMAN DENNIS CARDOZA	0%
CONGRESSMAN GEORGE RADANOVICH	100%
CONGRESSMAN DEVIN NUNES	100%



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A Message from the CEO

This year, the Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Council took a more active role in tracking legislation at the federal level that affects local businesses and our community's quality of life. Many federal issues – from healthcare reform to proposed changes in the way unions are organized – appeared to have a direct impact on the ability of local businesses to succeed in this economic downturn. This year, the Chamber tracked six pieces of federal legislation that would directly affect our membership. However, only three of those bills have been voted on in the House. The remaining ones are still awaiting action.

Enclosed is the Chamber "Report Card," which is published annually after the legislative session. The report card is a voting record for those federal legislators who represent the greater Fresno area and is used as a tool to convey to our membership which local leaders are fighting for business in Washington D.C.

The report card only accounts for the legislation that made it to the floor of either the House or the Senate for a vote. For an entire tracking sheet of all federal legislation tracked by the Fresno Chamber in 2009, please visit www.fresnochamberadvocacy.com.

This year the Fresno Chamber has been active in the federal healthcare reform debate, lobbying our federal representatives to ensure that a government-run, public option is not included in any legislation that's passed. The Chamber also took a group of ten members to Washington D.C. in June to lobby against the federal Employee Free Choice Act, which would strip employees of their right to a secret ballot process during union organizing campaigns. Our efforts in D.C. appeared to work because the legislation is now stalled and from we've been told the secret-ballot elections are likely to remain.

Whenever we release this report to the business community, we always send a copy to the elected officials, so they may have the opportunity to respond. Their responses, if any, will be detailed in future Chamber publications.

We also hope that this information will be helpful to you as you evaluate the performance of our elected officials as it relates to issues important to the business community.

Al Smith,
President and CEO,
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce

How “Business Friendly” are *our* Federal Legislators?

	Fresno Chamber	Rep. Jim Costa	Rep. Dennis Cardoza	Rep. George Radanovich	Rep. Devin Nunes
HR 2454 — American Clean Energy and Security Act	Oppose	Oppose	Support	Oppose	Oppose
HR 3962 — Affordable Health Care for America Act	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose
HR 3126—Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act	Oppose	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose

Voting With the Chamber		1	0	3	3
Voting Against the Chamber		2	3	0	0

FEDERAL BILLS

HR 2424 (Waxman) - OPPOSE
American Clean Energy and Security Act

This sets a limit or a cap on carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel use to impose rationing of coal, oil and other natural gases. Companies that emit less carbon dioxide than permitted, could sell the excesses to those that do not.

HR 3962 (Dingell) - OPPOSE
Affordable Health Care for America Act

Healthcare reform legislation that includes a government option (or a public plan), employer mandates and tax increases.

HR 3126 (Barney) - OPPOSE
Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act

Establishes a new massive federal agency to regulate consumer financial services and products

THE FOLLOWING BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN VOTED ON, BUT ARE BEING TRACKED BY THE CHAMBER:

HR 3590 (Reid) - OPPOSE
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The Senate's version of healthcare reform legislation that includes a government option (or a public plan), employer mandates and tax increases.

S 560 (Kennedy) - OPPOSE
Employee Free Choice Act

This would strip employees' right to secret ballots during union organizing. Union organizers would intimidate employees into signing cards publicly rather than giving them the right to a secret ballot election.

HR 1409 (Miller) - OPPOSE
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HR 856 (Radanovich) - SUPPORT
California Drought Alleviation Act

Eases restrictions on the Environmental Species Protection Act to allow pumping from the Delta and creates a hatchery program for the endangered Smelt.