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## **DAVE JONES IS ONLY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE 100% RATING FROM CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA**

Assemblymember Dave Jones (D-Sacramento), leading Democratic candidate for California Insurance Commissioner earned a 100% rating from the Consumer Federation of California for his 2009 voting record on key consumer rights bills.

Dave Jones is the only Insurance Commissioner candidate to have received a perfect score on consumer protection issues.

“I am proud to have received a 100% rating from the Consumer Federation of California,” said Jones. “I am running for Insurance Commissioner to continue my work to protect consumers from abusive practices. The Insurance Commissioner is California top consumer watchdog and Californian’s need a proven champion for consumer rights in this vital office.”

Dave Jones was also named the “2008 Consumer Champion” by the Consumer Federation of California.

Among the bills used to evaluate legislators’ scores were Jones’ Assembly Bills 119 and 1218. AB 119 (Jones) prevents HMOs and insurers from charging men and women different rates for the same health insurance policies in the individual health insurance market. This bill to prohibit “gender rating” was signed into law earlier this year and is now a part of the discussion in the national health care reform debate.

AB 1218 (Jones) was introduced to address the skyrocketing price of health insurance. Californians have suffered from annual double digit health insurance premium increases for a number of years, which are now preventing larger numbers of employers and individuals from affording health coverage. This bill would help to ensure that health insurance coverage is affordable by requiring health insurers and health plans to get prior approval from the state before increasing rates.