

<u>Commissioner Jones receives national</u> <u>consumer advocacy award</u>

Today California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones received the Excellence in Consumer Advocacy award at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' NAIC) Fall National Meeting. The award, from consumer representatives, honors the insurance regulator found to most effectively represent and advance the interest of consumers.

"I am very honored to receive an award from consumer advocates from across the United States in recognition of our work protecting consumers," said Commissioner Jones. "I want to thank the consumer advocates for so strongly and consistently advocating for consumers and I want to thank the hard working men and women of the California Department of Insurance who work day in and day out protecting consumers."

Commissioner Jones has been a strong advocate for consumers in California and at the NAIC, providing leadership and support for consumers on insurance rates, claims payments, the sharing economy, climate risk, auto insurance availability and affordability, unclaimed life insurance benefits, market regulation procedures, and more.

"Regulators juggle many responsibilities from policing solvency, tracking innovation and protecting consumers, and we appreciate that Commissioner Jones constantly keep consumers' interests at the forefront of his priorities," said Amy Bach, Director of United Policyholders and NAIC consumer representative. "Jones has not simply supported consumer positions and consumer involvement, but has helped promote consumer priorities."

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Photo of Amy Bach, Director of United Policyholders with Commissioner Jones is available on CDI's Flickr site.

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