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To: Members of the California Legislature

RE: 2008 Interim Consumer Scorecard

Dear Lawmaker:

The Consumer Federation of California 2008 Interim Consumer Scorecard for State Lawmakers is enclosed. Our Interim Consumer Scorecard provides a snapshot of lawmakers' votes on several key consumer protection bills. The scorecard rates votes cast before the legislature returned from the summer recess.

The scorecard includes bills on which the CFC had taken a position prior to the rated vote. We have graded lawmakers on votes that they cast as well as non-votes. When a lawmaker did not have an excused absence on the date the vote was cast, and chose not to cast a vote, the lawmaker's decision not to vote is scored based on its effect on the outcome of the bill.

This is not a final scorecard and we have not included percentage grades. After the legislature adjourns for the year, the Consumer Federation of California will issue our comprehensive end of session scorecard. It will include votes on additional bills that are not included in this Interim Consumer Scorecard.

Sincerely,

Richard Holober



2008 INTERIM CONSUMER SCORECARD FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

Vote tally as of August 4, 2008. Final consumer scorecard will be issued after the legislature adjourns for the year.

Assembly Member	Party	Total Right Votes Cast	Total Wrong Votes Cast	AB 1779 4/21 Floor	AB 1860 5/28 Floor	AB 1943 5/1 Floor	AB 2572 5/29 Floor	AB 3011 5/29 Floor	SB 823 6/30 Floor	AB 372 1/28 Floor	SB 1096 6/17 Asm Health	SB 1420 6/17 Asm Health
Adams	REP.	3	4	R	W	R	W	W	W	R	--	--
Aghazarian	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Anderson	REP.	1	6	W*	W	W	R	W	W	W	--	--
Arambula	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	--	--
Bass	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	--	--
Beall	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Benoit	REP.	1	6	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--
Berg	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R
Berryhill	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Blakeslee	REP.	4	3	R	W	R	R	W	W	R	--	--
Brownley	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Caballero	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R*	R
C. Calderon	DEM.	4	1	R	R	R	--	--	W	R	--	--
Carter	DEM.	7	2	R	R	R	R*	W*	W	R	R*	R
Cook	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W*	--	--
Coto	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	--	--
Davis	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	--	--
De La Torre	DEM.	6	3	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	R*	W*
de Leon	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	--	--
DeSaulnier	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
DeVore	REP.	2	4	R	W	W	R*	W	W	--	--	--
Duvall	REP.	2	5	R	W	W	R*	W	W	W	--	--
Dymally	DEM.	6	2	--	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	W
Emmerson	REP.	3	6	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R*	W
Eng	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	R*	W*	R	R	--	--
Evans	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	--	--
Feuer	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Fuentes	DEM.	3	4	W*	R	R	W	W*	W*	R	--	--
Fuller	REP.	1	6	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--
Furutani	DEM.	4	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	--	--	--
Gaines	REP.	3	6	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W
Galgiani	DEM.	3	3	R	W	R	W	W*	--	R	--	--
Garcia	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Garrick	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Hancock	DEM.	9	0	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	R	R
Hayashi	DEM.	7	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	R	R
Hernandez	DEM.	7	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	R*	R
Horton	REP.	1	6	R	W	W	W	W	W	W*	--	--
Houston	REP.	2	5	R	W	W*	R*	W*	W	W	--	--
Huff	REP.	3	6	R	W	W	R*	W	W	W	R*	W
Huffman	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Jeffries	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W*	--	--
Jones	DEM.	9	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R
Karnette	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	--	--

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Keene	REP.	2	5	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	--	--
Krekorian	DEM.	5	1	R	R	--	R*	W*	R	R	--	--
La Malfa	REP.	2	5	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	--	--
Laird	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Leno	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--
Levine	DEM.	6	0	R	R	--	R*	R	R	R	--	--
Lieber	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	R*	W*	R	R	R*	R
Lieu	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W	R	R	--	--
Ma	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R
Maze	REP.	2	5	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	--	--
Mendoza	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	--	--
Mullin	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	--	--
Nakanishi	REP.	2	7	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W*
Nava	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	R*	W*	R	R	--	--
Niello	REP.	1	6	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--
Nunez	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	--	--
Parra	DEM.	4	2	R	R	R	W	W	--	R	--	--
Plescia	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Portantino	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	--	--
Price	DEM.	5	2	R	R	R	W	W*	R	R	--	--
S. Runner	REP.	1	4	R	W	--	W	W	W	--	--	--
Ruskin	DEM.	7	0	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	--	--
Salas	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	R*	W*	R	R	R	R
Saldana	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	--	--
Silva	REP.	2	7	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W
Smyth	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Solorio	DEM.	4	3	R	R	W*	W	W	R	R	--	--
Soto	DEM.	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Spitzer	REP.	3	3	R	W	R	W	W	--	R	--	--
Strickland	REP.	2	5	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--
Swanson	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	--	--
Torrico	DEM.	4	3	R	R	R	W	W*	W*	R	--	--
Tran	REP.	1	6	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--
Villines	REP.	0	7	W*	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--
Walters	REP.	2	5	R	W	W	R*	W	W	W	--	--
Wolk	DEM.	6	1	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	--	--

Bill #/CFC Position	Bill Description and Status
AB 372 - Support	Reduces fees and shortens time for consumer security freeze on credit report. Signed into law
AB 1779 - Support	Requires businesses to improve safekeeping of consumer financial records. Requires better information in security breach notices that are sent to consumers. Held in Senate Judiciary
AB 1860 - Support	Bans manufacture or sale of products recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Senate Appropriations
AB 1943 - Support	Requires airlines to provide water, air, and restrooms to passengers stuck on runway for 3 hours. Senate Floor
AB 2572 - Oppose	Requires restaurant chains to provide nutritional information. Allows notices that are difficult for customers to access. Senate Appropriations
AB 3011 - Sponsor	Prohibits phone companies from releasing cellular subscriber's calling records without subscriber's written consent. Failed on Assembly Floor
SB 823 - Support	Establishes state agency to regulate for-profit vocational schools. Urgency measure. Failed on Assembly Floor
SB 1096 - Oppose	Amends medical confidentiality law to allow pharmacy to share patient prescription information with certain third parties. Failed in Assembly Health
SB 1389 - Oppose	Reduces PUC authority over telecommunication company mergers. Held in Senate Rules
SB 1420 - Support	Requires restaurant chains to post nutritional information in menus or menu boards. Assembly Appropriations
SB 1423 - Support	Prohibits phone companies from charging a fee for an unlisted phone number. Failed on Senate Floor

Senators	Party	Total Right Votes Cast	Total Wrong Votes Cast	AB 372 6/30 Floor	SB 1096 5/29 Floor	SB 1420 5/22 Floor	SB 1423 5/27 Floor	SB 1389 4/15 E., U. & C.	SB 1389 5/19 Sen. Appr.
Aanestad	REP.	1	4	W	R	W	W*	--	W
Ackerman	REP.	0	4	W	W	W	W	--	--
Alquist	DEM.	3	1	R	W	R	R	--	--
Ashburn	REP.	3	2	R	R	W	R	--	W
Battin	REP.	1	4	W	R	W	W	W	--
R. Calderon	DEM.	1	4	R	W	W	W	W	--
Cedillo	DEM.	3	2	R	W	R	R	--	W
Cogdill	REP.	1	3	W	R	W	W	--	--
Corbett	DEM.	5	0	R	R	R	R	--	R
Correa	DEM.	1	3	R	W	W	W*	--	--
Cox	REP.	2	4	W	R	W	R	W	W
Denham	REP.	1	3	W	R	W	W	--	--
Ducheny	DEM.	3	1	R	R	R	W*	--	--
Dutton	REP.	0	6	W	W	W*	W	W	W
Florez	DEM.	2	3	R	W	R	W	--	W
Harman	REP.	0	4	W	W	W	W	--	--
Hollingsworth	REP.	1	3	W	R*	W	W	--	--
Kehoe	DEM.	4	1	R	W	R	R	R	--
Kuehl	DEM.	5	0	R	R	R	R	--	R
Lowenthal	DEM.	4	0	R	R	R	R	--	--
Machado	DEM.	2	1	--	R	W	R	--	--
Maldonado	REP.	1	3	R	W	W	W	--	--
Margett	REP.	1	3	W	R	W	W*	--	--
McClintock	REP.	2	2	W	R	W	R	--	--
Migden	DEM.	3	1	R	R	R	W	--	--
Negrete McLeod	DEM.	1	3	R	W	W	W	--	--
Oropeza	DEM.	4	2	R	W	R	R	R*	W
Padilla	DEM.	1	4	W*	W	R	W*	W	--
Perata	DEM.	2	2	R	W	R	W*	--	--
Ridley-Thomas	DEM.	3	1	R	R*	R	W*	--	--
Romero	DEM.	2	2	W*	W	R	R	--	--
G. Runner	REP.	0	4	W*	W	--	W	--	W
Scott	DEM.	3	1	R	W	R	R	--	--
Simitian	DEM.	6	0	R	R	R	R	R	R
Steinberg	DEM.	3	1	R	W	R	R	--	--
Torlakson	DEM.	4	1	R	R*	R	W	--	R
Vincent	DEM.	1	2	--	W	R	W*	--	--
Wiggins	DEM.	5	0	R	R	R	R	R	--
Wyland	REP.	1	3	R	W	W	W	--	--
Yee	DEM.	2	3	R	W	R	W	--	W

Legend:

R = Right, voted for consumers

R* = Present in Capitol. Did not vote on bad bill. Same as voting in favor of consumers.

W = Wrong, voted against consumers.

W* = Present in Capitol. Did not vote on good bill. Same as voting against consumers.

-- = Excused absence, not a member of committee, or not a member of the Assembly when vote was cast.