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## **L.A. AREA CHAMBER STATEMENT ON GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER'S PROPOSED HEALTH CARE REFORMS**

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce applauds Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's health care reform proposal for its focus on sharing and reducing the costs of health care.

"We are impressed," said L.A. Area Chamber President & CEO Gary Toebben. "This plan is a good start. It doesn't just share responsibility for costs, it actually reduces costs by creating efficiencies in the system and placing unprecedented attention on prevention and wellness."

"The future health of our region's economy hinges on reducing the total cost of health care without sacrificing quality," Toebben continued. "Gov. Schwarzenegger has managed to craft a package of reforms that will provide coverage for the uninsured; retain individual responsibility for health and wellness; and take advantage of our system of health care providers already in place—all without creating an undue burden for businesses, who must compete in a global economy for talent and sales."

For many years, the L.A. Area Chamber's health care policy committee has been a leading center of community dialogue among businesses, insurance companies, health care providers and community-based organizations on reforming the state's health care system.

This week's edition of the Chamber's *Business Perspective* column, "Fix the System to Cure the Patient," elaborates on business community's thoughts on the proposal. View it online at the new [www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org).

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