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## CAOC statement on proposed MICRA initiative

**SACRAMENTO (Sept. 26, 2018)** – Consumer Attorneys of California President Mike Arias and Chief Executive Officer Nancy Drabble today released the following statement on the proposed initiative that would adjust the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975 to account for more than four decades of inflation and make other changes. The initiative push is being led by Consumer Watchdog and trial lawyer Nick Rowley.

*While we have not participated in this effort nor taken a stand on the proposed initiative, CAOC as an organization has never wavered from a fundamental belief that MICRA is unjust and unfair to patients whose lives are ruined by preventable medical errors. Such errors are today the third leading cause of death in America, behind only cancer and heart disease. Given the overwhelming evidence supporting a need for change, the idea of modernizing MICRA has gained the support of many newspaper editorial boards, and public perception has shifted. We believe the best place to address this issue is in the state Legislature, and our hope is that state elected leaders will embrace the need to correct an antiquated law that has undercut patient safety and basic human rights for too many decades.*

*Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs' attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.*

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