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**NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY FOR:**  
**Monday, June 8, 2009**

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**Injured Workers, Labor, Doctors, Consumers to Oppose  
Workers Compensation Insurance Rate Increase**

Leaders of labor unions, consumers, injured workers and their advocates, and doctors who treat injured workers have called a Monday, June 8, news conference to oppose the insurance industry's request for a 23% premium rate increase. The news conference will occur in conjunction with a hearing called by the Insurance Commissioner to examine the insurance industry's claim that medical costs require such an unprecedented rate increase.

Todd McFarren, president of the California Applicants Attorneys Association (CAAA), opposes the insurance industry's proposed 23% increase in workers compensation premiums because "the insurance carriers' rate hikes would not go to medical treatment for injured workers, but to profits or to pay the skyrocketing cost of denying medical care and permanent disability compensation."

**WHO:** **Todd McFarren, CAAA president**  
**Emily Clayton, California Labor Federation**  
**Jesse Cenicerros, president, VotersInjuredatWork.org**  
**Steve Cattolica, Ca. Society for Industrial Medicine & Surgery**  
**Richard Holober, Consumer Federation of California**

**WHEN:** **Monday, June 8, 2009; 12:15 pm**

**WHERE:** **1500 Capitol Mall, Building 172, Room 72.154**  
**Sacramento**

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