

## CALPIRG 2014 Priorities

### **Protecting Public Health**

CALPIRG's public health program is focused on effectiveness and affordability of prescription drugs when we need it, and that our communities are safe from exposure to toxic chemicals.

CALPIRG supports AB 1437 (Mullin), which would take significant steps to stop the overuse of antibiotics.

### **Lowering the High Cost of Health Care**

CALPIRG's health care program is focused on lowering the high cost of health care. CALPIRG is actively engaged in the rate review process to make sure health insurance companies are not unreasonably raising rates on consumers. We also support efforts to make health care provider costs more transparent to both consumers and policymakers.

CALPIRG supports SB 1182 (Leno) which would expand rate review to large group markets.

### **Better Transportation Options:**

CALPIRG's transportation program is focused on giving consumers better transportation options that reduce our dependence on oil, cut pollution, and improve our quality of life.

CALPIRG supports SB 1275 (De Leon) which would use fees from the oil companies to accelerate consumer access and use of zero emission vehicles.

### **Protecting Consumers:**

CALPIRG's consumer program is focused on alerting the public to hidden dangers and scams and banning anti-consumer practices and unsafe products.

CALPIRG supports SB 383 (Jackson) to prohibit online merchants from demanding personal information from credit card holders that is not for security purposes.

CALPIRG also supports SB 1381 (Evans) to label genetically modified food.

### **Good Government Reforms:**

CALPIRG's democracy program is focused on limiting special interest influence in politics through supporting; increased transparency, campaign finance reform, and increased voter participation in our elections.

CALPIRG supports SB 52 (Leno/Hill) to mandate clear and prominent disclosure of who is behind political advertisements for TV, radio, print, and other ads.

CALPIRG supports SB 361 (Padilla) would modernize California's voter registration system, to give universities, agencies, and the Department of Motor Vehicles better tools and guidelines for enabling the populations they interact with to register to vote or update their registration.

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