

# Consumer Advocates for RCFE Reform (CARR) Sponsors California RCFE Liability Insurance Legislation

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 13, 2014 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Majority Leader Toni Atkins, 78th Assembly District, announced she will introduce landmark liability insurance legislation for California’s Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs). Liability insurance for RCFEs is now not required as a condition of licensure; Assembly Member Atkins’ bill is expected to require liability insurance for the approximate 7,500 assisted living facilities in the state.

This bill will provide an important and long overdue consumer protection for assisted living residents and their families. It is one of approximately fourteen assisted living reform initiatives that will be considered by California’s legislature during the 2014 session.

In September and December 2013, the UT San Diego published investigative reports documenting abuses in San Diego assisted living facilities. The series, a collaboration between the UT San Diego and the California HealthCare Foundation’s Center for Health Reporting at USC, shocked consumers and legislators statewide.

The expose has propelled RCFE reform to the forefront of long-term care advocacy groups throughout the state.

Assembly Member Atkins’ anticipated bill is sponsored by Consumer Advocates for RCFE Reform (CARR) a San Diego-based 501(c)3 organization dedicated to improving resident care in assisted living facilities by educating consumers and increasing industry accountability.

About Assembly Member Atkins: <http://asmdc.org/members/a78/>.

About Consumer Advocates for RCFE Reform: <http://www.rcfereform.org/>.

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