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The Honorable David Chiu
Board of Supervisors
City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Chiu:

The Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth, a coalition of 22 labor, business and civic organizations strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to hold off on taking action on Supervisor Campos' proposed amendment to the Health Care Security Ordinance (#110546) at the Board meeting on Tuesday, July 26th. The Alliance asks that the legislation be referred back to the Government, Audits and Oversight Committee for further review and discussion.

The proposed amendment may adversely affect hundreds of local businesses and thousands of working men and woman in San Francisco and simply has not had the necessary public hearings or vetting. In 2006 and 2007, Mayor Newsom and Supervisor Ammiano led a collaborative group that included civic, labor, health care and business leaders that helped to develop the parameters for the original Healthy San Francisco ordinance. This diverse group of stakeholders held countless meetings and hearings and sought input from all interested parties. However, because this measure has had only one Board hearing and limited public comment, the public process has been restricted and the opportunity for collaborative effort has been eliminated.

It is clear to the Alliance and to our members that the Health Care Security Ordinance amendment is far too big of an issue for only one committee hearing. We welcome the opportunity to work with Supervisor Campos on his legislation to improve employee access to health benefits, while addressing the issues that concern our members.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Leon Chow
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CC: Board of Supervisors

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Building Owners
and Managers Association

Carpenters Local 22

Committee on Jobs

San Francisco Deputy
Sheriffs' Association

Golden Gate Restaurant
Association

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International Brotherhood of
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International Longshore
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Laborers Local 261

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Community Service
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