

Rebuttal Argument

BIG MONEY IS BEHIND PROP 54: DON'T BE FOOLED

Just look at its main backer: the California Chamber of Commerce. This group – whose members include big oil, ~~insurance~~^{tobacco} and drug companies – spent a record-shattering \$4.3 MILLION lobbying the legislature last year, according to the Secretary of State.

Prop 54 will give these special interests even MORE power in Sacramento.

That's the reason one billionaire, backed by big, out-of-state corporations, is bankrolling Prop 54.

STAND UP TO BIG MONEY. VOTE NO ON PROP 54.

California's most significant achievements often occur when our elected representatives come to the table willing to find areas of compromise. Sometimes, powerful special interests don't get everything they want.

One example is the bipartisan 2009 state budget agreement, historic action that saved California from bankruptcy. That bipartisan compromise was updated through the final hours prior to the vote. It earned the four Legislative Leaders that

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negotiated it the prestigious "Profiles in Courage Award" from the John F Kennedy Library Foundation.

If Prop 54 was in place, California might well have gone bankrupt.

The Legislature needs to work better, not be hamstrung by red tape. Prop 54 unnecessarily requires the Legislature to wait 3 days before passing a measure in its "second house," allowing special interests to defeat it.

California's legislative work is transparent. Any citizen, at any time, can view any bill via the Internet. Audio and video is online free of charge.

VOTE NO ON PROP 54. STOP THE SPECIAL INTEREST POWER GRAB.

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