



## 2015 POSITIONS TAKEN

**February 9, 2015**

### **Port Congestion**

United Chambers of Commerce urges that all local, state and federal elected officials along with federal mediators to resolve the port strike as quickly as possible. We heard from two of the thousands of businesses directly impacted by the strike that are individually losing tens of thousands of dollars unnecessarily due to the prolonged port strike. We urge all local leaders especially those with close connections with the parties to exert their influence immediately to end the strike before it causes any more damage to our economy.

### **Berkeley Study on Minimum Wage**

United Chambers of Commerce understands that there are flaws in the Berkley study of minimum wage increase currently being used by city officials, specifically as it does not consider the impact on small business and a likely loss of jobs that may follow any minimum wage increase. As the Berkley study apparently has the described flaws and as the Los Angeles City Council is currently considering raising the minimum wage based on inadequate information we therefore urge the City of Los Angeles to seek more information on the loss of business and loss of jobs before the council makes its final decision. We further urge that the study include ALL of the potential impacts in a single document so as to be sure it is fair and balanced.

**April 8, 2015**

### **AB 857 - Support**

AB 857, the Clean Trucking Act. This bill will create incentives for heavy-duty truck purchasers to help buy-down the initial cost of the vehicle. It will help California truckers purchase new very low-emission trucks which will help accelerate the retirement of older high polluting trucks.