

# Senator Cox Recognized for Fight against Lawsuit Abuses

## State Senator Honored by Californian Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse

A nonpartisan group dedicated to raising public awareness about the economic impacts of lawsuit abuses honored Senator Dave Cox for his effort to reform the state's litigious climate.

"Being recognized for doing my job is humbling," said Sen. Dave Cox. "There is a direct nexus between lawsuit abuse and jobs. Nearly 75 percent of mom and pop businesses fear they may be forced to consider closing their businesses due to the threat of a lawsuit."

Cox's sentiments were echoed by former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III, who also served as special counselor to former President Ronald Reagan, who spoke at the award ceremony.

Attorney General Meese said businesses in California are already forced to pay higher taxes and comply with more regulations than in many other states. Lawsuit abuse poses an additional threat – one that often drives them out of the state.

Facing an unemployment rate of 12.2 percent, California ranks the fourth worst in the United States. Referring to the state's pathetically high jobless rate, Cox expressed the need for lawmakers to focus on jobs and job creation.

"It is incumbent upon those of us in elected offices to stop the lawsuit abuses and create a more job-friendly environment," Cox said. "Too many people are out of work."

Assemblyman – and businessman – Roger Niello was also recognized.

From left to right: Marko Mlikotin, Northern California Regional Director for CALA, Senator Dave Cox, and Tom Scott, Executive Director for CALA.

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*Senator Dave Cox represents the residents of the First Senate District, which includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties. Contact his office at 916-651-4001, or via email at [senator.cox@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.cox@sen.ca.gov).*

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