



“Simplifying Regulation for Agents and Brokers...”

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Agents for Change Hosts Most Successful Legislative Conference to Date

Agents for Change held its fourth annual legislative conference June 23-25, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Dubbed, “2009: Year of Change” this year’s conference was the most successful one to date.

Members of Agents for Change stormed Capitol Hill on June 24 with one mission: to urge members of Congress to modernize insurance regulation and co-sponsor the National Insurance Consumer Protection Act of 2009 (H.R. 1880).

Participant’s shared real world stories of how the mandatory state-based system hinders their ability to serve their customers. Whether it is licensure reform, speed to market of products, or free market pricing; consumers stand to benefit from proposals to modernize insurance regulation.

Members of Agents for Change met with 70 Congressional offices over the course of eight hours. The take away was simple: members of Congress and their staff understand that there is a need to modernize the mandatory 19th century state-based system. As a direct result of our meetings, two additional co-sponsors were added to the National Insurance Consumer Protection Act.

Ralph Haffley, who serves as the chairman of Agents for Change stated, “Agents for Change is making a real difference on Capitol Hill. We have come a long way from the days of ‘no agents or brokers support this policy proposal.’ I am confident that with the grassroots support of the agent community Congress will modernize insurance law to benefit everyone who buys or sells an insurance product. ”

Peter Ludgin, executive director of Agents for Change, noted, “The National Insurance Consumer Protection Act provides agents and brokers the tools they need to best serve their customers. This is about additional choice and competition in the marketplace and proponents of this policy proposal are on the right side of this issue.”

Ludgin continued, “Insurance agents and brokers are the dots that link consumers to the insurance products they purchase. Producers and consumers should be able to opt into a national system if it will benefit them.”

Agents for Change is a trade association of insurance agents and brokers from across all lines of insurance. Members of Agents for Change offer expert advice to public policy makers as they move forward to modernize insurance regulation to allow producers the option of being regulated at either the federal or the state level. Agents for Change has over 7,500 members nationwide.

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