

Reverend Robert Jones' Testimony:

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“Hi, my name is Pastor Bob Jones of the California Black Pastors Association, and I am honored to be speaking here in front of the Committee on the issue of affinity group discounts.

I'm here today to argue that Commissioner Lara is wrong when he impugns these discounts for being discriminatory and for driving up costs for ordinary Californians. My parishioners are disproportionately low-income people of color and they rely on these discounts to receive affordable auto insurance as mandated by state law.

When it comes to lowering insurance premiums for ordinary Californians, these discounts are not the problem; they are the solution.

Instead of burdening these groups with excessive red tape and bureaucracy, this Committee should look to expand access to these programs so that more people can benefit from them as we try to address the cost-of-living crisis in California. Thank you. “