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## Recent Accomplishments of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights

FTCR's 2005 accomplishments include:

- Won 15 year campaign to eliminate ZIP Code based auto insurance rates in California
- Won expansion of the nation's only low-cost, flat rate auto insurance policy for the poor to San Diego, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Fresno and Alameda counties – costing low income motorists \$350 per year;
- Won a court order blocking a state law allowing insurers to surcharge motorists who had been previously uninsured;
- Saved homeowners millions of dollars by blocking an increase in earthquake insurance by a major insurer and successfully pressed for major price-cut plan from the California Earthquake Authority;
- Published a major study about the high cost of gasoline and other research that fueled Congressional scrutiny of oil refiners' manipulation of supply to drive up prices.
- Exposed and stopped overcharges of nearly 50,000 Blue Cross health insurance policyholders;
- Revealed conflicts of interest and possible insider trading by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist that precipitated an SEC investigation;
- Played a decisive role in exposing the corporate influence over Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in the run-up to his major defeat in the special election;
- Educated over 2 million consumers through [Consumerwatchdog.org](http://Consumerwatchdog.org)

FTCR's 2004 accomplishments include:

- Saved motorists, homeowners and doctors more than \$200 million on insurance premiums;
- Won a court case upholding the nation's strongest conflict of interest law for politicians (law written by FTCR and passed in five cities);
- Pushed prescription drug crisis into the national consciousness by organizing the Rx Express – chartered trains bringing seniors to Canada to purchase medications at lower cost;
- Prevented Shell Oil from closing an oil refinery and from manipulating gasoline supplies;
- Forced the nation's largest health insurer Wellpoint-Anthem to return hundreds of millions of dollars to low-income communities;
- Published a landmark study showing that “non-voting” by legislators plays a decisive role in the defeat of legislation in California;
- Won a legal victory protecting low-income motorists from insurance surcharges;
- Worked with the City of Los Angeles to create “L.A. Rx,” the nation's first municipal pharmaceutical drug bulk purchasing program that will reduce medication prices by 50-70%.

FTCR's 2003 accomplishments include:

- Sponsored successful legislation enacting the nation's strongest whistleblower protections;
- Saved policyholders more than \$60 million challenging insurance rate hikes;
- Fueled legislative protections of citizens' financial privacy;
- Published *Corporatesteering: How Corporate Power Steals Your Personal Freedom and What You Can Do About It*.

FTCR's 2002 accomplishments include:

- Expanded California's landmark low-cost auto insurance program for the poor (created by FTCR);
- Held televised town hall meetings throughout California to develop solutions to the state's health care crisis;
- Challenged state efforts to bail out utilities in wake of deregulation disaster. Blocked federal efforts to deregulate the nation's energy system;
- Forced Kaiser Permanente to pay \$1 million to provide stem-cell treatment of children with Sanfilippo Syndrome.