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## Earthquake Victims Call for Quackenbush Impeachment

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Victims of the 1994 Northridge earthquake have joined the fray over state Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush's alleged misuse of his position, calling for his impeachment.

At a new conference Thursday, people whose homes were damaged in the quake complained that the California insurance department did nothing to help settle claims while insurance companies low-balled settlements or tied them up in court for years.

Quackenbush has admitted he allowed six insurers to contribute \$11.6 million to an earthquake foundation he established in order to avoid fines potentially totaling \$3 billion for the alleged mishandling of the claims. He has also admitted that none of the money went to the earthquake victims.

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