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## **FACT SHEET – AB 347 (Block) Haitian Donations**

### **Summary:**

AB 347 allow an individual and/or corporate taxpayers who make cash contributions to charitable organizations for earthquake relief efforts in Haiti from January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 until March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to take a tax deduction in the 2009 tax year.

### **Problem:**

The catastrophic earthquake on January 12, 2010 that brought Haiti to its knees left the world looking on in horror as news spread of the overwhelming destruction, devastation, and astonishing loss of life. Californians, like others across the globe, answered the call for help by supplying skilled technicians, physicians and first responders to aid in search and rescue efforts.

### **Solution:**

AB 347 will in a small way help those that have made charitable contributions by allowing an individual and/or corporate taxpayer who makes cash contributions to charitable organizations for earthquake relief efforts in Haiti from January 11<sup>th</sup> until March 1<sup>st</sup> to take a tax deduction in the 2009 tax year. This bill makes it easier and encourages more to give and participate in the relief effort that our neighbors in Haiti desperately need.

### **Background:**

On January 22, 2010, President Obama signed into law, HR 4462, a bipartisan measure which allows charitable contributions made to earthquake relief efforts to be deducted in 2009. AB 347 is patterned after that measure.

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