

## DAILY BREEZE

# Economic ‘freedom’ seems to favor the few

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Re “It’s a free state in some ways, not in many” (Editorial, Aug. 26):

The Cato Institute’s report on “Freedom in the 50 States” provides its litany of so-called restrictions on businesses.

The Cato Institute’s guidelines in the survey seem to be skewed toward protecting the freedoms of the few, and seems to coincide with the continuing wage gap between owners and upper management and mid-management and employees.

The report’s lack of compassion would indicate the institution’s writers make more than the minimum wage and don’t work in physically demanding professions.

The minimum wage is insufficient to live on in Los Angeles, with too many people working multiple jobs to just meet the necessities.

These people do not have economic freedoms. For those workers who have wrenched backs and arms, had feet or hands squashed, or suffered injuries for their company’s profit margin, worker’s compensation is their only hope of survival.