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- To: Members, California State Assembly
- From: Rex D. Frazier, President Michael A. Gunning, Vice President Kara Cross, General Counsel Manolo P. Platin, Legislative Advocate
- Re: AB 1113 (Frazier) Provisional Driver's Licenses As Amended, April 16 2013

PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing six of the nation's largest insurance companies (State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Progressive, Allstate and Mercury) who collectively write a majority of the personal line auto and home insurance in California, **supports AB 1113 Provisional Driver's Licenses by Assemblymember Frazier.**

PIFC and its member companies have a long history of supporting legislation that serves to prevent injuries and enhance public safety, especially when it comes to teenage drivers. Our members have a long-standing interest in reducing auto accidents for teen drivers.

Assembly Bill 1113 is needed because teens have the highest crash rate of any group of drivers in the U.S. and are four times more likely to be involved in a crash than adult drivers. Studies by the National Safety Council and National Highway Traffic Safety Institute show that California could save more lives – as well as savings from reduced traffic incident related costs – by enacting these reforms. Moreover, these same studies show a direct correlation of the number of lives saved and the number of restrictions on teen driver licenses. With the addition of each restriction, there would be a corresponding reduction in the number of teen-related fatal automobile accidents.

PIFC believes that implementation of the reforms contained in AB 1113 could help to save lives and reduce the cost impact of teen-related automobile accidents.

For these reasons, **PIFC supports AB 1113 Provisional Driver's Licenses by Assemblymember Frazier, and urges your "aye" vote.** If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position, please contact Michael A. Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Assemblymember Jim Frazier, Author Manny S. Leon, Assembly Transportation Committee Gregson Porteous, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus Gareth Elliot, Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor