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To: The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
The Honorable Frank Bigelow, Vice Chair
Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee

From: Seren Taylor, Personal Insurance Federation of California
Mark Sektnan, American Property Casualty Insurance Association
Shari McHugh, Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies
Christian Rataj, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

Re: AB 1267 (Rivas, Robert) Driver's licenses: Instruction Permits and Provisional licenses

Position – Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, whose members collectively write the vast majority of auto insurance in California, **Supports AB 1267: Driver's Licenses: Provisional Licenses by Assemblymember Robert Rivas.**

PIFC, PADIC, NAMIC, and APCIA have a long history of supporting legislation that serves to prevent injuries and enhance public safety, especially when it comes to teenage drivers. Our trades have an established interest in reducing auto accidents for teen drivers because they 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. AB 1267 would expand the state's graduated driver's license program (GDL) to all new drivers under age 21.

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 this change in law. The provisions of AB 1267 will allow all teen aged youth to drive, but require all teen aged youth to go through the GDL program. This will make California's roadways safer for everyone. The coalition of trades believes that implementation of the reforms contained in AB 1267 could help to save lives and reduce the cost impact of teen-related automobile accidents.

PIFC, PADIC, NAMIC, and **APCIA Support AB 1267, by Assemblymember Robert Rivas and urges your "aye" vote.**

If you have any questions regarding the Trades' position, please contact Seren Taylor, Senior Legislative Advocate, PIFC at (916) 442-6646, Mark Sektnan, Vice President APCIA at (916) 440-

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