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**To:** The Honorable Isadore Hall, Chair  
The Honorable Tom Berryhill, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Governmental Organization Committee

**From:** Rex D. Frazier, President  
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**Re:** AB 1411 (Garcia, E) Fire protection: Type 1 Clothes Dryers  
**As amended June 1, 2015**

**Senate Governmental Organization Committee Hearing- July 14, 2015**

**PIFC Position: Support**

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing seven of the nation's largest insurance companies (State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Progressive, Allstate, Mercury and Nationwide) who collectively write a majority of the personal line auto and home insurance in California, **supports AB 1411 by Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.**

AB 1411 would require the State Fire Marshall, on the advice of the State Board of Fire Services, to adopt standards and regulations regarding Type 1 clothes dryers and the potentially dangerous levels of lint build up. Type 1 clothes dryers currently have no audible or visual mechanisms that would warn consumers that a dangerous lint buildup on dryers exists.

The standards and regulations must be adopted by July 1, 2017 and would prohibit any Type 1 clothes dryer from being sold or marketed without an audible or visual mechanisms. Dryer fires are tragic, preventable accidents that could be reduced by this bill.

PIFC and its member companies have a long standing record of supporting sound safety measures that serve to reduce injuries and are in support of AB 1411 by Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, and **we urge your "aye" vote.** If you have any questions or wish to discuss the bill further, please call Manolo P. Morales at (916) 442-6646.

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