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To: The Honorable Jimmy Gomez, Chair
The Honorable Frank Bigelow, Vice Chair
Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, President
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Re: AB 1411 (Garcia, E) Fire protection: Type 1 Clothes Dryers
As amended April 14, 2015

Assembly Appropriations Committee Hearing- May 19, 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. Platin at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, Author
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