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To: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair
The Honorable Patricia Bates, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, President
Michael A. Gunning, Vice President
Kara Cross, General Counsel

Re: AB 1592 (Bonilla) Autonomous Vehicles: Pilot Project
As Amended June 22, 2016

Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing-August 1, 2016

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 1592, Autonomous Vehicles: Pilot Project by Assemblymember Susan Bonilla.**

AB 1592 authorizes the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to conduct a pilot project for the testing of autonomous vehicles that are not equipped with a steering wheel, a brake pedal, an accelerator, or an operator inside the vehicle. In addition, the testing must be conducted only at specified locations, the former Concord Naval Weapons Station and a privately owned business park, owned by CCTA, and the autonomous vehicle operates at specified speed of less than 35 mph.

PIFC and its member companies have a long-standing record of supporting sound safety measures that serve to reduce injuries and enhance public road safety.

PIFC supports AB 1592 by Assemblymember Bonilla and urges your "aye" vote.

If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position, please contact Michael A. Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

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