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**Date:** April 9, 2012

**To:** The Honorable Jose Solorio, Chair  
The Honorable Curt C. Hagman, Vice Chair  
Members, Assembly Insurance Committee

**From:** Rex D. Frazier, President  
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**Re:** AB 1708 (Gatto) Vehicles: Electronic verification of registration and insurance  
As amended April 9th, 2012

**Assembly Insurance Committee Hearing: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**PIFC Position: Support**

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing six of the nation's largest insurance companies (State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, Progressive, Allstate and Mercury) who collectively write a majority of the personal line auto and home insurance in California **supports AB 1708 Vehicles: Electronic verification of registration and insurance by Assembly Member Gatto.**

AB 1708 would give motorists and insurance companies a new electronic option for showing proof of auto insurance. Under this measure, consumers would be allowed to show proof of insurance through their mobile phone. We believe this option is customer-friendly and "green", as it would reduce the need for paper copies of the insurance identification card.

AB 1708 would also keep California near the forefront in utilizing this sort of technology as at least two other states, Idaho and Arizona, have passed laws similar to this measure, with other measures currently pending elsewhere.

For the reasons stated above PIFC **supports AB 1708 by Assembly Member Gatto and urges your "aye" vote.** If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position, please contact Manolo Platin at (916) 442-6646.

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