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To: The Honorable Richard Roth, Chair,
The Honorable Ted Gaines, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Insurance Committee

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

Re: AB 2161 (Quirk) Parking Lots: Design: Insurance Discount

Senate Insurance Committee Hearing- June 8, 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 2161, Parking Lots: Design: Insurance Discount by Assemblymember Bill Quirk.**

AB 2161 would authorize the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), in collaboration with the Division of the State architect (DSA) and the Office of the State fire Marshal (OSFM), to update building standards, as it deems necessary, for the installation of vehicle barriers on any new commercial property parking lot.

AB 2161 could help prevent damage and injury in storefront crashes by encouraging the adoption of protective barrier standards, when considering building occupant-safety options for buildings and parking lots. This bill will also authorize an insurer to consider these barriers as a safety measure eligible for discounted building insurance rates.

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

PIFC supports AB 2161 by Assemblymember Quirk and urges your "aye" vote. If you have any questions regarding PIFC's position, please contact Michael Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

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