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Date: May 4, 2015

To: Members, California State Assembly

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

Re: AB 51 (Quirk): Vehicles: Motorcycles: Lane Splitting, As Amended
February 11, 2015

PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write over 60% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, Progressive, Allstate, Mercury, and 21st Century, supports **AB 51 by Assembly Member Bill Quirk**.

California law is silent on lane splitting. Since current law does not explicitly prohibit it, lane splitting is legal. Though it's a legal practice, there are no guidelines or safety standards to guide drivers on how to safely maneuver motorcycles when lane splitting. AB 51 establishes a set of guidelines under which lane splitting can be done. These are nearly identical to the guidelines previously offered by the California Highway Patrol.

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. AB 51 is a proper step to help keep our roads safer and motorcycle riders and other motorists better educated.

For the foregoing reasons, **PIFC supports AB 51** and urges your **"aye"** vote. If you have any questions regarding PIFC's support, please contact Michael A. Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

Cc: Assemblymember Bill Quirk, Author
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Camille Wagner, Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
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