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To: The Honorable Kevin de Leon, Chair The Honorable Mimi Walters, Vice Chair

Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, President

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Re: AB 60 (Alejo) Drivers Licenses: Eligibility: Required Documentation

As Amended July 8, 2013

Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing, August 12, 2013 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 60 Drivers Licenses: Eligibility: Required Documentation by Assemblymember Luis Alejo.

PIFC and its member companies have a long history of support for sound measures that serve to reduce injuries and enhance public safety. Current law prevents many immigrants from receiving the proper training and testing to be safe, licensed and insured drivers. AB 60 would help make California roads safer by allowing all California drivers to obtain drivers' licenses on the basis of ability to pass the certification requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

PIFC supports AB 60 for these pertinent reasons:

- Trained, tested, and insured drivers enhance public safety for everyone. By allowing all California residents to apply for a driver's license and learn the rules of the road, AB 60 will improve highway safety and protect the lives of all Californians.
- Ensuring all California drivers have access to auto insurance will help reduce costs for all motorists. Unlicensed drivers are unable to obtain auto insurance and are more likely to pass the costs associated with an accident on to insured drivers, driving up insurance costs.

For these reasons, PIFC supports AB 60 Drivers Licenses: Eligibility: Required Documentation by Assemblymember Alejo, 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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