

July 8, 2015



Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Camille Wagner, Secretary of Legislative Affairs
Request for Signature on AB 822 (Cooley)

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Dear Governor Brown:

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), 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 Nationwide, requests your signature on AB 822 authored by Assembly Member Cooley.

Every admitted insurance company in California is a part of the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) which exists to pay the claims of insurance companies that have gone insolvent. This critical protection ensures that California's insurance consumers will not be left with nothing, even in the worst-case scenarios.

AB 822 would create a clear statute of limitations for when actions against CIGA should begin to run. Without this bill, CIGA is forced to litigate *each claim* over when the statute of limitations begins, which is costly and ultimately not beneficial to consumers.

Specifically, this bill takes a reasonable approach by setting the statute of limitations for an action against CIGA to be one year after it denies a claim.

For the reasons stated above, **PIFC supports AB 822 by Assembly Member Cooley and respectfully requests your signature on this bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Manolo P. Morales at (916) 442-6646.

Sincerely,

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PIFC President

Manolo P. Morales
Senior Legislative Advocate

cc: Honorable Ken Cooley, Author
Robert Herrell, Legislative Director, CA. Department of Insurance