



April 21, 2017

The Honorable Ash Kalra
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5160
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1660 (Kalra) Court Reporter Providers – Oppose

Dear Assemblyman Kalra:

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC) and the Association of California Insurance Companies (ACIC), respectfully oppose AB 1660, which provides the Court Reporters Board extensive powers over domestic and foreign corporations that offer shorthand reporting and other ancillary services related to litigation. AB 1660 threatens free market efficiencies that keep litigation costs down for insurers and their consumers.

Insurers currently have the ability to arrange for volume discounts in obtaining a host of litigation services including court reporting and ancillary services, such as exhibit presentations. These arrangements create efficiencies in the marketplace that may no longer be available if this bill becomes law.

There is no public policy justification for curtailing such arrangements. Doing so, will unnecessarily drive up litigation costs for insurers and their consumers.

For these reasons, we urge your “NO” vote.

Please feel free to contact Kara Cross, PIFC General Counsel ([916-442-6646](tel:916-442-6646)/kcross@pifc.org), or Armand Feliciano, ACIC Vice President ([916-205-2519](tel:916-205-2519)/armand.feliciano@pciaa.net), at your convenience to discuss.

Sincerely,

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Armand Feliciano, Vice President
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