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August 27, 2010

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Susan Kennedy, Chief of Staff
Request for Signature on AB 2284 (Evans)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), representing insurers who write over 60% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including State Farm, Allstate, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, Progressive, and NAMIC, requests your signature on AB 2284 authored by Assembly Member Evans.

AB 2284 would establish the expedited jury trial in California as a voluntary, streamlined civil action trial. The benefits of this alternative approach include reduced litigation costs and court time to achieve a resolution that studies have shown mirrors the result of the traditional trial. We see the opportunity for substantial benefits to our insureds with the implementation of the program. This legislation is the result of a multi-year, comprehensive and cooperative effort among a long list of interested parties, including the insurance industry. In these difficult budget times, it is important to note that in addition to the anticipated benefits to the parties, this program stands to save the state substantial resources.

For the reasons stated above, **PIFC supports AB 2284 by Assembly Member Evans and respectfully requests your signature on this bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Kimberley Dellinger Dunn at (916) 442-6646.

Sincerely,

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PIFC President

Kimberley Dellinger Dunn
PIFC General Counsel

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