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Date: July 3, 2007

To: The Honorable Tom Torlakson, Chair
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, President
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Ernelinda Ruiz, Legislative Advocate

Re: AB 645 (Feuer): Vehicles: Traffic Violations: Adjudication
As Amended June 28, 2007
Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing – July 9, 2007
PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), representing insurers who write over 50% of all personal lines insurance sold in California, including State Farm, Farmers, Safeco, 21st Century, Progressive, and NAMIC, **supports Assembly Bill 645**, authored by the Assembly Member Mike Feuer.

AB 645 would prohibit serious, two-point violations from being dismissed and masked through attendance at a Traffic Violator School. These serious violations include driving-under-the-influence, hit-and-run violations and reckless driving. This bill is good for the safety of all Californians in that it holds these drivers accountable for their unsafe driving.

PIFC and its member companies have a long history of support for sound public safety measures that serve to reduce injuries and enhance public safety. For many years our members have been at the forefront of auto safety issues, from seat belts to drunk driving, from child passenger safety to most recently, teen driving safety. This safety issue is no different - unsafe drivers should be accountable.

According to recent Los Angeles Times and Sacramento Bee articles, in 2004 over 700 individuals with serious two-point violations, like the ones that would be prohibited by AB 645, had these tickets masked. AB 645 would prevent these most serious violations from being hidden and help to improve public road safety.

For the above reasons, PIFC **supports AB 645 (Feuer)**. If you have any questions, please contact Michael A. Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

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