

September 13, 2007



STATE FARM  
FARMERS  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
SAFECO  
PROGRESSIVE  
NAMIC

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

**Request for Signature on AB 881**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

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, 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Progressive, and NAMIC, **supports Assembly Bill 881**, authored by Assembly Member Mullin.

The need for enhanced child passenger safety laws is clear. AB 881 is the next step in injury prevention among infants and children between the ages of 4 and 8. This bill would expand the current child passenger safety law by requiring children ages 6 and 7 be placed in a booster seat in the rear seat of a car. In addition, this bill would require that infants be placed in a rear facing child passenger restraint system until they are at least one year of age or weigh 20 pounds or more.

PIFC and its member companies have a long history of supporting legislation that enhances children's safety. In fact, one of our member companies, State Farm has teamed up with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to produce the *Partners for Child Passenger Safety Fact and Trend Report*, the world's largest study in child related crashes. The October 2006 report provides current data about children involved in motor vehicle crashes and highlights the circumstances, people and vehicles that are involved in crashes in which children are injured.

Partners for Child Passenger Safety (PCPS) found that 62% of children between the ages of 4 and 8 years of age are inappropriately restrained in seat belts and are 3.5 times more likely to suffer serious injury while restrained only in a seat belt rather than in a booster seat and a seat belt. Belt positioning booster seats provide an added 60% reduction in injury risk when compared to children in seatbelts alone through age 7.

For the above reasons, **PIFC supports AB 881 and respectfully requests your signature on this bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Ermelinda Ruiz at (916) 442-6646.

Sincerely,

---

Rex D. Frazier, President

---

Ermelinda Ruiz, Legislative Advocate

cc: The Honorable Gene Mullin, Author  
Susan P. Kennedy, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
Mike Proso, Chief Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor  
Cynthia Bryant, Director, Office of Planning and Research  
Kathleen Webb, Office of the Insurance Advisor

4. AB881-Gov-9-07

PERSONAL INSURANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA

1201 K Street Suite 1220 Sacramento California 95814

T (916) 442 6646 F (916) 446 9548 E pifc@pifc.org www.pifc.org