



Date: April 15, 2009

To: Assembly Member Pedro Nava

From: American Insurance Association
Association of California Insurance Companies
Personal Insurance Federation of California

Re: AB 1214 (Nava) – Wildfire response
Neutral as proposed to be amended

The above trade associations representing a majority of the personal lines insurance market are neutral on AB 1214 as proposed to be amended.

We look forward to working with you and your sponsors, the CDF firefighters, the California Professional Firefighters, and the California State Firefighters Association, to improve the interaction and coordination between firefighters and insurance companies. Specifically, it is vital to ensure that private fire mitigation operations that contract with insurance companies communicate and coordinate their efforts with the on-site Incident Commander or designee upon arrival to a wildfire. We also look forward to working with you and the sponsors on language to grant certified insurance adjusters quicker access into a disaster area in order to speed up the claims process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Steve Suchil with the American Insurance Association at (916) 442-7617, Mark Sektnan, Association of California Insurance Companies at (916) 440-1115, or Ermelinda Ruiz, Personal Insurance Federation of California at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Honorable Pedro Nava
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