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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 29, 2009

To: The Honorable Joe Coto, Chair
Members, Assembly Insurance Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, President
Michael A. Gunning, Vice President
Kimberley Dellinger, General Counsel
Ermelinda Ruiz, Legislative Advocate

Re: AB 470 (Niello) Insurance Information
As Introduced
Assembly Insurance Committee/ May 6, 2009
PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), representing insurers who write over 60% of all personal lines insurance sold in California, including State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, 21st Century, Progressive, and NAMIC, **supports AB 470**, authored by Assembly Member Niello.

AB 470 will allow an insurer to provide accident and investigation reports directly to an insured's attorney. Current law allows an insured's lawyer to obtain the information through other steps, but does not allow the insurer to provide it directly. This legislation, by allowing a more direct flow of the information, will expedite the claims process for the insured and still only allow information already otherwise available to be provided to the insured's attorney.

For the above reasons, **PIFC supports AB 470 (Niello)**. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberley Dellinger at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Assembly Member Niello, Author
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