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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2009

To: The Honorable Ron Calderon, Chair
The Honorable Dave Cogdill, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, President
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Re: SB 350 (Yee) Aftermarket Crash Parts.
Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee
April 15, 2009
PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write over 60% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including State Farm, Allstate, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, 21st Century, Progressive, and NAMIC, **supports SB 350 by Senator Yee.**

SB 350 would codify current regulations by prohibiting the use of non-original equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash parts unless the insurer warrants that those parts are at least equal to the original equipment manufacturer parts in terms of kind, quality, safety, fit, and performance.

PIFC members are supportive of a competitive aftermarket crash parts industry, which can help to bring about lower costs for auto repairs. SB 350 is a positive step in this direction. For this reason, **PIFC supports SB 350** and urges your **“yes”** vote. If you have any questions regarding PIFC's support, please contact Michael Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Honorable Leland Yee, Author
Ken Cooley, Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee
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