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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

Date: August 6, 2008

To: Members, California State Senate

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

Re: SB 1371 (Correa) Insurance: Automobile Repair Estimates
As amended June 26, 2008
Senate Third Reading
PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write over 50% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including Farmers, aigdirect.com, Safeco, Progressive, State Farm and NAMIC, **supports SB 1371 authored by Senator Lou Correa.**

SB 1371 prohibits insurers from engaging in the practice of capping. Capping is to be defined as offering or paying an amount that is unrelated to an accepted industry methodology used in determining paint and materials charges or placing a factually unsupported limit for such charges.

PIFC has been committed to reaching consensus on the outstanding issues related to this important measure and has worked with the automotive repair industry to finalize this important bill.

For the foregoing reasons, **PIFC supports SB 1371** and urges your **“aye”** vote. If you have any questions regarding PIFC's opposition, please contact Michael Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Senator Lou Correa, Author
Erin Ryan, Senate Banking, Finance & Insurance Committee
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Mike Prozio, Chief Deputy, Legislative Secretary for the Governor
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Senate Floor Analyses