



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 20, 2006

To: The Honorable Joseph Dunn, Chair
Members, Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Rex D. Frazier, Vice President & General Counsel
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Re: SB 1542 (Migden) Motor Vehicles: Key Information Access
Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing – April 25, 2006
PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write 44% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including Farmers, 21st Century, Safeco, Progressive, State Farm and NAMIC, **supports Senate Bill 1542** by Senator Carol Migden.

SB 1542 requires motor vehicle manufacturers to provide a means whereby registered vehicle owners can access limited information that would allow them to enter, start and operate their vehicles. While we are mindful of the concerns of manufacturers, vehicle owners need to access the information necessary to make a replacement key to operate their vehicles. We believe that SB 1542 can achieve this goal.

PIFC and its member companies would like to be part of a process that could deliver a secure mechanism or registry to California consumers and the passage of SB 1542 is a good start.

For the foregoing reasons, **PIFC supports SB 1542 and urges your "yes" vote.** If you have any questions regarding PIFC's support, please contact Michael Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

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