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Date: May 24, 2017

To: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Patricia Bates, Vice-Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

From: American Insurance Association (AIA)
Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC)
Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC)
Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies (PADIC)
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)

RE: SB 488 (Bradford) Procurement and Board Diversity

POSITION: –Removal of Opposition with Amendments May 2, 2017

The above organizations, representing many of the insurers doing business in California, are pleased to remove our opposition to SB 488 (As amended May 2, 2017) based upon the carefully drafted amendments taken in the Senate Insurance Committee.

As noted in our testimony, our industries are pleased to highlight and encourage supplier diversity programs created under AB 53 (Solorio, Chp. 414, Statutes of 2012). The extension and expansion of new categories is a welcome addition. Our concerns with the bill were with provisions that would have mandated company employees to intrude upon the privacy of their board members for the public dissemination of otherwise confidential information.

As to this section regarding board diversity, the Senate Insurance Committee amendments balance protections of insurer board members’ personal, confidential information but allow information to voluntarily and confidentially be provided to the California Department of Insurance for publication in the aggregate. For these reasons we are pleased to remove our opposition.

cc: The Honorable Steve Bradford
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