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Date: August 25, 2005
To: Members of the California State Assembly
From: Dan C. Dunmoyer, President
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Michael A. Gunning, Senior Legislative Advocate
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Re: SB 518 (Kehoe): Homeowners' Insurance: Valuation
As Amended August 25, 2005
Assembly Floor
PIFC Position: Support

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), representing insurers who write 55% of all homeowners' insurance sold in California, **supports SB 518** authored by Senator Kehoe. PIFC is appreciative of the author's willingness to resolve several concerns that existed with previous versions of this bill. The August 25th amendments address our final concern and we are now in full support of this measure.

SB 518 would change the way California insurance companies handle the adjusting and managing of claims following major fires and catastrophic losses. Specifically, following a state of emergency or government declared disaster, SB 518 would extend additional living expense (ALE) coverage for affected homeowners and ensure that customers can readily obtain a copy of their insurance policies.

These changes will help to simplify and streamline the claims process for insurance consumers and hopefully ease some of the frustration and pain following the partial or complete loss of a home.

For the reason stated above, **PIFC supports SB 518 and urges your aye vote.** If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Rex Frazier at (916) 442-6646.

cc: Senator Kehoe, Author
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