

Date: July 10, 2025

To: The Honorable Ash Kalra, Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Diane Dixon, Vice Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee

RE: SB 495 (Allen) – As Amended in Assembly Insurance – **NEUTRAL**
Require Payment of 60% of Contents Coverage without an Inventory

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC), the Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies (PADIC) and the Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), collectively known as the “trades”, have removed our opposition to SB 495 and are now **neutral** based on the amendments accepted in the Assembly Insurance Committee on July 9, 2025.

As noted in the Assembly Insurance Committee analysis:

“To summarize, these amendments add clarifying changes to the report required by the insurers to CDI, changes number from 180 days to 100 days for a policyholder to provide proof of loss (existing law is 60 days), changes 6 months to 3 months extension to 100 days for good cause, changes 100% to 60% of contents coverage (existing law is 30% of Coverage A), adds a cap of \$350,000 (existing law is \$250,000), and allows an insurer to require an insured to sign an attestation form. Increasing the cap minimizes the impact of any inequity caused by the change in formula.”

California residents are concerned about the cost of living, and insurers have become constrained in their ability to provide coverage to homeowners because of outdated rate setting rules that do not reflect the realities of the evolving risk due to climate and change and population growth in high-fire risk areas. While we collectively move forward to implement Commissioner Lara’s Sustainable Insurance Strategy (SIS) to restore a healthy and competitive insurance market with greater insurance availability and reliability, it is vitally important that legislation balance the desire to quickly put money in the hands of wildfire victims with the impact on affordability and availability of insurance.

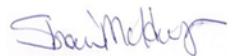
Sincerely,



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