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TO: Chairman Tom Daly
Vice Chairwoman Melissa Melendez
Members, Assembly Insurance Committee

FR: ACIC/PCI, ACLHIC, AIA, CAHU, IIABCal, NAIFA-California, NAMIC, PADIC & PIFIC

RE: SB 788 (Lara) – SUPPORT

The organizations listed above are pleased to support your bill SB 788, which would require the Insurance Commissioner to allow individuals who are applying for or renewing an insurance license to use an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN).

ITINs are tax processing numbers issued by the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that people pay taxes even if they do not have a Social Security number. In addition to allowing people to pay taxes, ITINs are used to open bank accounts, obtain a driver's license and provide proof of residency.

SB 788 simply makes licensure more obtainable for folks with ITINs and it aligns the Department of Insurance's licensing requirements with the licensing departments within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support SB 788.

cc: Senator Ricardo Lara