

September 20, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 788 (Lara) – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown;

The organizations above are pleased to support SB 788 by Senator Ricardo Lara. The bill 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 788and we urge you to sign the bill when it is before you for consideration.

Sincerely,

ACIC/PCI, ACLHIC, AIA, CAHU, IIABCal, NAIFA-California, NAMIC, PADIC & PIFC

cc: Senator Ricardo Lara