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Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of the State of California State Capitol, First Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Michael Martinez, Deputy Secretary of Legislative Affairs Request for Signature on Assembly Bill 51 (Quirk)

Dear Governor Brown:

The Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC), representing insurers who write over 60% of the auto insurance sold in the state, including State Farm, Farmers, Liberty Mutual Group, Progressive, Allstate, Mercury and Nationwide, requests your signature on AB 51: Lane Splitting: Educational Guidelines by Assemblymember Bill Quirk.

California law is silent on lane splitting. Since current law does not explicitly prohibit it, lane splitting is legal. Due to this lack of clarity, there are no guidelines or safety standards to guide drivers on how to safely maneuver motorcycles when lane splitting.

In recognizing the many benefits lane splitting can provide to our overly congested roads, AB 51 will provide clarity in statute by stating that the California Highway Patrol has the authority to develop educational guidelines on lane splitting.

AB 51 will help to keep our roads safer and our drivers better educated. The Personal Insurance Federation of California supports AB 51, Lane Splitting: Educational Guidelines.

PIFC respectfully requests your signature on AB 51. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Gunning at (916) 442-6646.

Sincerely

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cc: Honorable Bill Quirk, Author Robert Herrell, Legislative Director, CA. Department of Insurance