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To: The Honorable Kevin de Leon, Chair

The Honorable Mimi Walters, Vice Chair Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

From: American Insurance Association

Association of California Insurance Companies

National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

Personal Insurance Federation of California

Subject: AB 2128 (Gordon) Insurer Investments - Community Development Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing, August 11, 2014

With the current amendments proposed by the author, we formally remove the strong concerns we had previously expressed regarding AB 2128 Insurer Investments: Community Development by Assemblymember Gordon.

As proposed to be amended, AB 2128 would extend provisions scheduled to sunset, and clarify provisions relative to the COIN Advisory Board and create one additional data call by insurers in 2017.

As an industry, we believe that our companies have contributed significantly to the economic well-being of California. In addition, we believe that the data calls have demonstrated that the industry has made substantial investments in underserved areas (1997-2009 - \$19B dollars / 2010-12, unofficially, over \$65B). The proposed amendments make AB 2128 less costly and we look forward to the improvements by the COIN Program in its outreach efforts and operation.

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