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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request Signature on SB 64 (Speier)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Personal Insurance Federation of California, representing insurers who write 50% of the homeowners' insurance policies sold in California, **supports SB 64 and requests your signature on this measure.**

SB 64 would expand the existing earthquake mediation program in the Department of Insurance to address claim disputes arising out of the Southern California fires. The mediation program can be a useful tool for resolving claim disputes without the expense and more adversarial nature of litigation. Most claims are handled to the satisfaction of policyholders and insurers without either mediation or litigation. However, in those instances where the parties cannot reach agreement, the assistance of a neutral mediator can be very helpful in reaching consensus. Successful resolution of disputes through mediation in such cases is in the best interests of both claimants and insurers.

For these reasons, **PIFC supports SB 64 and urges your signature on this bill.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Colborn at (916) 442-6646.

Sincerely,

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