





August 24, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom

Governor, State of California

1021 O Street, Suite 9000

Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB-451 Insurance: license examinations – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC), the California Agents and Health Insurance Professionals (CAHIP), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of California (NAIFA-California), the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of California (IIABCal) and the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), we respectfully request your signature on AB 451. The bill would require the examination for a license for a life agent, accident and health or sickness agent, property broker-agent, and casualty broker-agent to be provided in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and, commencing July 1, 2024, Tagalog.

Given our state’s diverse population and the ever-increasing number of bilingual agents, applicants, and customers, we believe that this commonsense measure expands opportunities for our agents and industry. The option to have the examination administered in several languages will decrease potential miscommunication, increase agent understanding of their duties and obligations, and allow California to keep pace with the needs of its multilingual and multicultural insurance consumers. Also notable, the measure garnered unanimous bipartisan approval in the Legislature.

This simple change in law will enhance agents’ and consumers’ access to critical insurance products and services, and as a result, we respectfully request your signature on AB 451.

Sincerely,



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