

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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May 15, 2009

The Honorable Ted Lieu  
State Capitol, Room 3173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 951 (Lieu) – As Amended April 21, 2009 – Support**  
**Status: Senate Rules Committee**

Dear Assemblyman Lieu:

On May 7, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) voted unanimously to support AB 951. This bill could improve public safety and consumer protection by increasing the levels of fines and penalties that may be levied by the Commission and the courts against charter-party carriers and others that violate the law. Some fines and penalties prescribed in the various sections of the Passenger Charter-Party Carriers' Act have not been increased in 20-25 years. Thus, increasing the levels of fines and penalties that may be imposed on violators will have a positive impact on public safety.

Please see the attached analysis for a more detailed explanation of the Commission's position.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 327-7788.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: Members, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee  
Gina Adams, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee  
Daryl Thomas, Assembly Republican Caucus/Policy  
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger