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The Honorable Alex Padilla, Chair
Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 951 (Lieu) – As Amended April 21, 2009 – Support
Status: Senate EU&C Hearing – June 16, 2009

Dear Senator Padilla:

On May 7, 2009, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Poehner".

MICHAEL POE
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Ted Lieu
Members, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
Melissa Macias, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
Wade Teasdale, Senate Republican Caucus/Policy
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger