

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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July 16, 2009

The Honorable Christine Kehoe, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 951 (Lieu) – As Amended April 21, 2009 – Support
Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing – July 20, 2009

Dear Senator Kehoe:

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 Poe".

MICHAEL POE
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Ted Lieu, Member, California State Assembly
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
Bob Franzoia, Senate Appropriations Committee
Ed Morley, Senate Republican Caucus/Policy
Michael Webb, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger