



March 10, 2023

Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Chair
Assembly Committee on Education
1020 N Street, Room 5610
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: AB 984 (McCarty) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Muratsuchi,

On behalf of our members, the Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC), the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of California (NAIFA-California), and the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of California (IIABCal) are pleased to support AB 984 by Assemblymember McCarty. The bill would require high school students to complete at least one semester of a personal finance course.

ACLHIC is a state trade association representing many of the largest life and health insurers doing business in California. ACLI advocates on behalf of these 280 member companies whose products and services help 90 million American families achieve financial security. NAIFA-California represents licensed insurance and financial professionals throughout the state. IIABCal represents independent insurance agents and brokers, who customarily specialize in personal and commercial property and liability policies, and who have the ability to place coverage with a variety of competing insurers. Collectively, our associations protect clients against life's inherent risks, help hard-working Americans prepare for retirement, and create financial security and prosperity so clients can leave a legacy for future generations. We recognize that financial literacy is the

foundation to achieve financial security. As such, our members strongly support efforts to enhance access to financial education and we understand the importance and value of financial literacy to future generations.

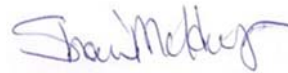
In today's modernized world, more young people are exploring entrepreneurship, particularly with online businesses (social media, e-commerce, etc.), thus establishing a bigger need to begin financial literacy education at the high school level. According to a 2019 Experian Consumer Finance Survey, 76% of recent high school graduates said they wished their schools placed more emphasis on personal finance. Further, in 2021, 75% of teens reported wanting more personal finance education.

For these reasons, ACLHIC, ACLI, NAIFA-California, and IIABCal are pleased to support AB 984. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us: Matt Powers (ACLHIC) at mpowers@aclhic.com, John Mangan (ACLI) at JohnMangan@acli.com, John Norwood (IIABCal) at jnorwood@nalobby.net, and Shari McHugh (NAIFA-California) at smchugh@mchughgr.com.

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