



January 23, 2017

Assembly Member Jim Frazier

Chair, California State Assembly Committee on Transportation

1020 N Street, Room 112

Sacramento, CA 95814

Via Fax: 916 319-2193

RE: Assembly Bill 63 (Frazier) – Driver’s licenses: provisional licenses: SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Frazier,

Alcohol Justice (formerly Marin Institute) is a respected alcohol industry watchdog that has been a leading alcohol research and advocacy institution for 30 years.

We support you bill AB 63 because a leading cause of death for young adults is car crashes, and about a quarter involve an underage drinking driver. Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) programs have been proven to be successful in greatly reducing first-time driver-involved crashes. Expanding California’s first-time teenage driver GDL program to include persons who are under 21 years of age, but over 17 years of age, allows first-time teenage drivers enough time to fully complete the driver education and provisional or restricted driver’s license phase of the GDL program.

We believe AB 63 will help safeguard public health and safety in California and reduce the threat of alcohol or drug-impaired driving. We respectfully request your full committee’s support of this bill when it is heard.

Sincerely,

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