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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), I am writing to express strong support for the selection of California entities as Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Pilot locations.

With a complex transportation network comprised of more than 50,000 miles of highway and freeway lanes, 305,000 miles of public roads and streets, and well over one-billion annual passenger trips managed by 400 local or regional transit operators, California is the ideal location for the testing, best practice development, and knowledge-sharing activities planned for the network of proving grounds.

The CalSTA is committed to supporting the safe testing and deployment of automated vehicle technology that has the potential to improve traffic safety and enhance mobility. Under the testing regulations adopted by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), 20 manufacturers are testing a total of 132 autonomous vehicles operated by 494 test drivers in California today.

The CalSTA, and our affiliated departments, will work directly with those California entities selected as Automated Vehicle Proving Ground sites. Department of Transportation staff will provide information on advanced transportation technologies, and DMV staff will provide guidance to ensure that testing and deployment activities are conducted in a manner consistent with California's autonomous vehicle regulations.

We thank you for your leadership in accelerating the development of automated vehicle technology and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Secretary Brian P. Kelly