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Mr. Gary Gallegos  
Executive Director  
San Diego Association of Governments  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
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Dear Mr. Gallegos:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce I am writing to express support for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to designate the San Diego region as an Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Pilot location.


As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. As such, we believe San Diego is well situated to test and implement innovative policies that highlight the intersection of innovation and infrastructure.

The San Diego region presents an ideal proving ground environment offering two closed facilities, the Interstate 15 Express Lanes and the South Bay Expressway, for automated vehicle (AV) testing at the corridor level. Furthermore, San Diego is a global hub for wireless industry innovation, academic research institutes, and cyber security advancements that bring expertise and talent to ensure the success of the federal proving ground concept.

SANDAG has demonstrated commitment and leadership in advancing AV deployment through the Regional Transportation Plan (San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan) which allocates significant resources to vehicle technology roadway components to support AVs. Through their experience with Integrated Corridor Management, SANDAG and Caltrans have created a platform for effective cross-agency collaboration where multi-modal transportation data is continuously collected and shared to safely manage the transportation system.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. Automated vehicle technology will advance efficiency and safety across all modes and greatly improve personal and commercial mobility. The San Diego Regional Chamber is committed to supporting the USDOT, SANDAG, and Caltrans to accelerate the safe deployment of automated vehicles and transform transportation.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Sanders  
President & CEO  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce