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Dear Mr. Gallegos:

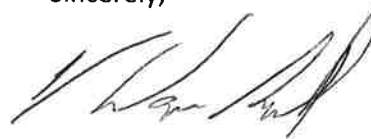
On behalf of Toyota Technical Center, I am writing to express support for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to designate the San Diego region as an Automated Vehicle Proving Grounds Pilot location.

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 make available 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. If you have any further questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at wayne.powell@toyota.com or (734) 695-5821.

Sincerely,



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