March 26, 2021

Honorable Bill Quirk, Member
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 905 (Quirk) – as introduced February 17, 2021 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, supports AB 905. The bill is scheduled for hearing before Assembly Transportation Committee on April 12, 2021.

Thank you for your authorship of AB 905 that would provide mobile fueling on-demand to provide safety and accessibility to fuel. As you know, DRC is committed to improving accessibility in all forms for persons with disabilities. Often access at gas stations proves difficult for persons with disabilities despite requirements that assistance be provided. On-site and on-demand mobile fueling provides persons with disabilities another option for obtaining fuel for their automobiles when access is otherwise difficult. Additionally, such services ease the burdensome and dangerous aspects of accessing fuel at a gas station. Contactless fueling is especially important during the COVID-19 crisis, a benefit to those most at risk such as the elderly and those with autoimmunity deficiencies.

We understand that mobile fueling on-demand is currently permitted to operate only in a handful of jurisdictions in California due to confusing and often conflicting regulations by air districts. Uniform regulations at the State level can assure consumers that safety, access, and environmental
responsibility will be prioritized. Most current regulations were crafted when the only source for fueling was the stationary gas station and are outdated under the mobile context. We also understand that the Legislature has the option of taking up AB 905 this Session, which would allow mobile fueling to begin expanding across the State more quickly.

We urge you to take up this issue during this Legislative Session and to support its passage. These actions would provide substantial benefits to Californian’s with disabilities. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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