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Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 936 (ALLEN) as amended on April 26, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports SB 936**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 14, 2018.

DRC applauds the effort of the author and sponsors to form a Task Force with the purpose of moving forward policies and objectives for automated vehicle technology. Autonomous vehicles have many obvious benefits to the public, however, they could be especially transformative for one group of people in particular—those who cannot drive. If self-driving cars will one day be rolled out on a large scale, it only makes sense to design and build them with these millions of people with disabilities in mind.

SB 936 specifically provides that one of the charges of the Task Force is to ensure that accessibility of persons with disabilities is not hindered. We appreciate that disability rights organizations have now been included within the designated membership of the Task Force and believe that they will be important contributors to the process. DRC now enthusiastically supports this bill.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our position or if I can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child
Legislative Director
Disability Rights California

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
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