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Good morning,

With autonomous vehicles (AV) claiming a high degree of legislative interest in this session, I thought it may be useful to bring you up-to-date on the effort by DMV to adopt their second generation of regulations. These new regulations are intended to take the state beyond manufacturer testing into the realm of real-world use of these vehicles.

Yesterday, California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) ended its public comment period on the proposed regulations for the testing and deployment of self-driving cars. Thank you to all of the coalition members who weighed in during the DMV comment period. Nineteen of our coalition members submitted written comments to the DMV. We'd also like to give special thanks to Society for the Blind and the Cal Asian Chamber for testifying in person at the hearing

The next step in the rulemaking process will be the DMV reviewing and responding to feedback received in written and oral comments over the past 45 days. If the DMV decides to make substantive changes to the regulations based on the feedback, the DMV will open a 15-day comment period on the revisions.

At the completion of that comment period, the DMV will issue a "Final Statement of Reason" to summarize any changes made to the regulations due to public comments, or why reasons why changes were not made. The final step in the process is sending the rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval. Once the rules are approved, there will be a 120-day waiting period before the regulations go into effect.

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