



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

November 27, 2017

The Honorable Ted Lieu  
236 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support the AV START Act of 2017**

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I urge you to **support S. 1885, the American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act**. This bipartisan legislation, sponsored by Senator John Thune (R-SD) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), promotes autonomous vehicle innovation and testing while reducing existing regulatory barriers by enhancing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) ability to update decades-old technology standards.

The City of Beverly Hills has been on the forefront of supporting the development and testing of fully autonomous vehicles (AVs). Last year, the City of Beverly Hills passed a resolution regarding our long-term goal of developing an autonomous vehicle program to address "first and last mile" issues, increase mobility, relieve traffic congestion, improve parking, and create options for transporting senior citizens.

Our City staff have been working closely with both our state and federal lobbyists to consider legislation to promote autonomous vehicle development. The City has been a strong advocate for encouraging the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles throughout California and the nation. It is our desire to see this technology advance quickly, yet safely, to benefit the community.

The nation's regulatory framework, designed in the last century, must adapt to safely meet the emerging market for Highly Automated Vehicles (HAV). The AV START Act does this by striking a balance between federal and state jurisdictions over self-driving vehicles. S. 1885 eliminates the patchwork of local rules across the country, that have the potential of undermining the development of this new technology, by establishing NHTSA's responsibility for vehicle design and safety while maintaining states' responsibility for driver and vehicle licensing. The bill, moreover, addresses privacy and cybersecurity concerns through the establishment of advisory committees that will issue policy recommendations to Congress.

We are, as a nation, on the cusp of deploying a revolutionary technology that will transform our daily lives in ways that are both known and unknown. It is incumbent upon our federal government to prepare to meet this challenge head on, both from a regulatory and policy perspective. The AV START Act represents a thoughtful first-step in this approach.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills **SUPPORTS S. 1885, the AV START Act.** Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lili Bosse", written in a cursive style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills