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Terra Curtis, Director
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Dear Director Curtis,

I am writing to express my strong support for Waymo's January 2026 application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to expand its autonomous passenger service in Northern and Southern California.

As a representative focused on the future of our communities, I look at transportation through the lenses of safety and accessibility. The data surrounding autonomous driving technology points to a meaningful opportunity to reduce human-error accidents, while offering a reliable, independent mobility option for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and underserved commuters.

I want to commend the Commission Staff for its rigorous, diligent review process, as well as Waymo for its transparency in providing detailed supplemental information. However, given the pressing need for safer roadways and better transit alternatives, the timing of these advancements matters. Ensuring our regulatory timelines match the pace of safe technological deployment is vital for California's continued leadership in innovation.

With Waymo's safety framework thoroughly demonstrated, I respectfully urge the CPUC to expeditiously approve Waymo's advice letter so my constituents can begin benefiting from expanded service.

Sincerely,

Young Kim
Member of Congress