[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2286 (Aguiar-Curry, Friedman, Kalra) - Requiring a Human Safety Operator in Autonomous Vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Greater than 10,000 Pounds]

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2286, introduced by Assembly Members Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Laura Friedman, and Ash Kalra, which restricts autonomous vehicles (AV) with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more from being operated on public roads for testing purposes, transporting goods, or transporting passengers without a human safety operator physically present in the AV at the time of operation.

WHEREAS, The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regulations prohibit the testing or deployment of autonomous vehicles (AVs) with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 10,001 pounds or more as vehicles with heavier weights are capable of causing significantly more damage in a collision; and

WHEREAS, As of February 23, 2024, the DMV has received 690 Autonomous Vehicle Collision Reports, including instances of blocking emergency personnel, crashing into buses, and hitting and killing pets; and

WHEREAS, Introduced on February 8, 2024, California State Assembly Bill No. 2286 is a continuation of California State Assembly Bill No. 316 (2023), introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry and Assembly Member Friedman, to regulate the safe deployment of autonomous vehicles by expanding appropriate public policy to ensure community safety and well-paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, On April 4, 2023, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a Resolution, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230325, in Support of California State Assembly Bill No. 316 (2023); and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 2286 strikes a balance between technological advancement and the public good, allows for the testing and further development of autonomous heavy-duty vehicles on public roads, and protects jobs and public safety as the autonomous vehicles technology is further tested and advanced; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports California State Assembly Bill No. 2286; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire, Speaker of the State Assembly Robert Rivas, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Members Matt Haney, and Phil Ting.



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Resolution

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March 05, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/5/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 03/15/2024

London N. Breed Date Approved Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

03/15/2024

Date