

AIA Praises California Department of Motor Vehicles' Draft Regulation for Autonomous Vehicles; Recommends Two Changes

In response to the California Department of Motor Vehicles' request for public input on draft regulations for autonomous vehicles (AV), Jim Whittle, American Insurance Association (AIA) Assistant General Counsel and Chief Claims Counsel released the following statement.

WASHINGTON, D.C. ([PRWEB](#)) October 19, 2016 -- In response to the California Department of Motor Vehicles' request for public input on draft regulations for autonomous vehicles (AV), Jim Whittle, American Insurance Association (AIA) Assistant General Counsel and Chief Claims Counsel released the following statement:

“AIA praises the Department for its careful, detailed, and in-depth approach to autonomous vehicles and auto safety. The current draft regulations provide clear requirements, safety obligations, and reporting standards that will encourage the development of this important technology while continuing California's strong commitment to vehicle, passenger, and pedestrian safety.

We believe there are opportunities to further improve the draft, including changes to the definition of Autonomous Vehicle and clarification of the term 'designee' with regard to manufacturer testing. AIA looks forward to working with the Department and other stakeholders as this important technology advances.”

In comments submitted to the Department, AIA noted vehicles with Level 3 autonomy should not be defined as fully autonomous under the Department's regulations. Additionally, the comments suggested the Department clarify its definition of an AV testing ‘designee’ to not include non-manufacturing private vehicle owners.



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