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Dear Ms. Stevens:

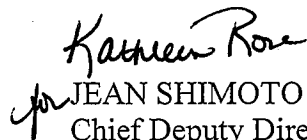
Mark Stivers, of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, has asked me to respond to your letter of November 26, 2012, to the California Senate on Transportation, regarding the absence of warning signs and the lack of information in the California Driver Handbook about reduced/lowered roadside curbs for disabled Californians.

The Department of Motor Vehicles publishes the California Driver Handbook, which is designed to inform drivers of the rules of the road, including good driving and vehicle parking habits. To increase public awareness of the reduced curbs designed for accessibility and mobility of all Californians, an illustration and additional information regarding the applicable parking prohibitions will be included in the 2014 revision of the California Driver Handbook.

Currently, over 400 safety stakeholders from 170 public and private agencies and organizations work together to implement California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), a comprehensive, statewide effort to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on public roads and improve traffic safety. As participants in SHSP Challenge Area 8, which focuses on pedestrian safety, the Department will bring up the concerns expressed by the Automobile Safety Foundation regarding the absence of proper painted warnings for the reduced roadside curbs.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your concerns. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Denise Burroughs of my staff at (916) 657-5691.

Sincerely,


JEAN SHIMOTO
Chief Deputy Director

cc: Mark Stivers
Barbara Rooney, Assistant Director of Legislation