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Mr. Bob Thomas
Automobile Safety Foundation
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La Jolla, California 92039

Dear Mr. Thomas,

This is in response to your letter of November 26, 2012, 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, including DMV, 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 call Denise Burroughs of my staff at (916) 657-5691.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rhonda L. Craft".

RHONDA L. CRAFT, Acting Deputy Director
Licensing Operations Division

cc: Deputy Director's Office