



June 12, 2008

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2032  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: SB 1174 - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Alan Lowenthal:

On behalf of the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind (Board), we would like to express our **SUPPORT** for SB 1174. The Board looks forward to the prospects of a Quiet Motorized Road Vehicle and Safe Mobility Committee conducting a study that will recommend a solution to the sound challenges presented by hybrid vehicles for visually impaired pedestrians. Similarly, the Board also supports H.R. 5734 (Rep. Towns, Edolphus [NY-10]) which would not only study, but also establish national vehicle safety standards for all hybrid vehicles produced.

Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact me at (916) 574-7825.

Sincerely,

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