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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 269 (Roth) – Civil Rights; Disability Access-Support

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA), we are writing to request your signature on SB 269 (Roth). The ASCCA is a statewide organization representing thousands of automotive service professionals throughout the State of California.

SB 269 is a balanced approach between preserving the civil rights of those who are disabled to ensure access to all public accommodations, and limiting the number of frivolous lawsuits threatened or filed against businesses that do not improve accessibility.

The bill seeks to incentive businesses to proactively take steps to become accessible by providing them with 120 days from a Certified Access Specialist, inspection to resolve any violations identified without being subject to damages or litigation. This proposal will assist businesses who are trying to ensure they are compliant with the law from being subject to frivolous claims or litigation. The bill also provides businesses with 15 days to resolve any violations that are minor and technical in nature.

SB 269 also requires the California Commission on Disability Access to post educational materials for business owners regarding how to comply with California's construction-related accessibility standards. This will help business owners of their obligations and responsibilities to also encourage them to become compliant.

For the reasons stated above we respectfully request that you sign SB 269.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Montalbano", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dennis Montalbano, President

cc:

ASCCA Board of Directors
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and to advance the professionalism of the automotive repair industry.*