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TO: California Building Standards Commission

RE: Changes to California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2

As a mobility impaired driver of a fully electric vehicle I would like to encourage revisions as necessary to the above codes to fully recognize "sharing" of existing "handicapped" labeled spaces with the provision for future EVSE installations.

*"Sharing Concept" -- Sharing is when an existing handicapped-only van-accessible parking space is used both as a van-accessible EVCS and as a traditional handicapped-only van-accessible parking space.*

*Currently, the DSA's proposed regulations neither explicitly allow nor prohibit "sharing." However, the regulations are worded such that it would be basically impossible to "share" an accessible spot. In order to ensure that retrofit projects remain feasible, we request for sharing to be explicitly allowed. Specifically, we request that in retrofit situations, an exemption for shared spots from the "EV CHARGING ONLY" surface marking requirement in 11B-812.9.*

We should be encouraging individuals with their own private mobility vehicles to move to emission-free vehicles as much as possible. We should be encouraging EVERYONE to migrate as soon as possible to emission-free transportations as this is an investment in the health and welfare of ALL future generations. We should NOT put up effectively a Disincentive for the current mobility impaired to stay with their air polluting vehicles by making charging stations remote to accessible parking locations.

I am devoted to supporting "clean air" for all of us, today's citizens and those yet to be born and the children of today who need to grow up in an environment that will not leave them "mobility challenged" due to respiratory and other health related ills coming from our increasingly polluted urban air quality.

Please make sure that new regulations are created with an awareness for encouraging all of us to have access and ENCOURAGEMENT to mobility that will be an "investment in tomorrow" and not just the hindsight driven view of "meeting a short-term need."

Respectfully Submitted,

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