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I strongly oppose this bill. These self driving technologies are not nearly as safe as their proponents claim. Just recently a child in California was struck by one of these self driving vehicles, and numerous tests of self-driving technologies have shown that they do not stop quickly enough to prevent accidents with pedestrians. I agree that there is the potential to expand travel access to those who are unable to drive themselves, but that is what services like public transit are for. We should be increasing funding and access to our state's public transit instead of passing the buck to tech startups that care less about the safety of people than they do the sales of their shiny, unsafe technologies. Safety aside, there are constant complaints from residents of cities where these vehicles already operate of the horn honking from these cars as they cause traffic jams with one another, and the issues of traffic flow they cause when they're on the road with human drivers. This bill seems so foolish.