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Senator Jim Beall
Chair Transportation and Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1405 Advanced Digital Network Act.

Dear Senator Beall,

Studio City Residents Association, an organization of over two thousand residents, here in Los Angeles oppose AB 1405 as follows:

Digital billboards inherently distract drivers thereby increasing the risk of accidents. It is a well-documented fact that distraction by use of cell phones texting etc. is a major cause of accidents. In states that permit digital billboards, there is an increase in accidents in those areas where digital bill boards have been installed alongside freeways.

The reliance by Caltrans on a FHWA study that allegedly found that digital billboards are safe is misplaced. That study was conducted prior to the use of on-board touch screens, direction finders and cell phones. Further studies conducted in 2015 have found that digital billboards resulted in 25% to 29% higher crash rates near such signs in two states, Alabama and Florida.

This bill, if passed, will put drivers and passengers in danger. Your committee is respectfully requested to oppose this bill. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Alan Dymond, President

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Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian