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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to pen a letter of support on behalf of Oakland's Mayor's Commission of People with Disabilities (MCPD) for the Community Quick-Build Traffic Calming Pilots Initiative (CQTCP). The initiative promises to offer a fast, responsive solution that can meet the changing traffic needs of communities across the City of Oakland, and help make neighborhoods safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. The CQTCP initiative is particularly important to the commission given the close work we do with AC transit, Caltrans, and Oakland's disabled community around pedestrian safety. Often implementation of effective policies to reduce vehicle-related accidents or deaths can take years from identifying needs, and if the policies prove ineffective it can take years more to devise new solutions based on the information obtained from the changes. CQTCP offers a much-needed solution to both problems, placing power in the hands of communities to access city resources to make their streets safer while keeping them traffic-friendly. Support for CQTCP is support for Oakland's disabled community, for Oakland families, and for our current and future residents, pedestrians and drivers alike.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Bartu
Vice-Chair, Mayor's Commission of People with Disabilities