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To Whom it May Concern:

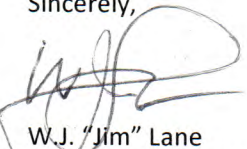
Scottsdale is a growing community of approximately a quarter million people in Arizona, and home to many of the nation's most innovative businesses. We were recently named the number one city in the United States to find a job, and one of the top cities for entrepreneurial start-ups. By creating a welcoming environment and providing a high quality of life, we have been able to attract several cutting-edge companies to the city.

Last year, Nuro began testing driverless delivery vehicles in partnership with Fry's Foods (part of the Kroger Company) in southern Scottsdale. During this test, Nuro safely completed thousands of deliveries with their autonomous vehicles, and they continue to test new technology developments in Scottsdale, without incident. Nuro's vehicles operated at speeds of less than 25mph and drove mainly on local neighborhood streets.

During this pilot program, Nuro and Fry's hired dozens of Scottsdale residents, and provided a popular service. We are excited by this technology's promise to improve road safety and provide a degree of independence to those who are unable to drive due to age or disability. In the future, we hope to see further growth in these services in our community.

As the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration considers whether to grant Nuro's petition for its next generation vehicle, we encourage the agency to consider the benefits this service has had in our community, and we support continued deployments of this technology.

Sincerely,


W.J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor of Scottsdale