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Dear Member of Congress:

The past decade has begun to usher in a new era of transportation safety and innovation, including advanced driver-assist features on sale now and highly automated vehicle technologies coming to market soon.

Congress has a tremendous opportunity to accelerate the deployment of self-driving technologies that have the potential to save lives, reduce traffic congestion, reduce fuel use and carbon emissions, expand personal mobility and meet our nation's current and future infrastructure, environmental and economic challenges.

We the undersigned -- as automotive manufacturers and suppliers, technology and transportation leaders and representatives of groups advocating for the disabled, seniors and veterans -- support legislative measures that will optimize the safe testing and deployment of automated vehicles in a technology-neutral manner while continuing to let innovation thrive.

As the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation continue to work in a bipartisan manner to remove barriers to such innovations, we believe that government policy should:

1. **Provide clarity concerning appropriate federal and state roles** when it comes to highly automated vehicles, particularly any state laws or regulations related to their design or performance.
2. Direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to initiate rulemaking to **update the current vehicle safety standards that do not contemplate highly automated vehicles.**
3. **Expand Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard exemptions**, in number, duration and categories, to provide a safe mechanism for deploying highly automated vehicles.

By adopting this forward-leaning approach to the development and deployment of highly automated vehicle technologies, Congress will send a clear signal that will help foster greater public acceptance and bring numerous benefits to the traveling public.

This legislative effort is crucial to helping ensure the United States will continue to lead in transportation technology and innovation.

We look forward to working together to build a safer, smarter, more efficient, and sustainable transportation future.

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The **Alliance for Transportation Innovation (ATI21)** is a consortium of transportation technology innovators, subject matter experts, and researchers. The consortium is dedicated to increasing public and stakeholder awareness of the transformative safety, sociological, and economic improvements that can be realized through the accelerated development and deployment of ingenious transportation technologies.

The **Auto Alliance** is a trade association representing 12 automakers. Together, our mission is to promote policies that allow automakers the freedom and control to build cars and light trucks that are safe, reliable, energy-efficient, clean and smart — all so our customers can enjoy greater peace of mind as they go about their daily lives. Our members include BMW Group, FCA US LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Jaguar Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen Group of America and Volvo Car USA.

The **Association of Global Automakers** represents the U.S. operations of international motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, and other automotive-related trade associations. Our members include American Honda Motor Co., Aston Martin Lagonda of North America, Inc., Delphi Corporation, Denso International America, Inc., Ferrari North America, Inc., Hyundai Motor America, Isuzu Motors America, Inc., Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc., Kia Motors America, Inc., Maserati North America, Inc., McLaren Automotive Ltd., Nissan North America, Inc., NXP Semiconductors, Robert Bosch GmbH, Sirius XM, Subaru of America, Inc., Suzuki Motor of America, Inc., and Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

The **Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA)** is the trade association for motor vehicle and mobility suppliers and parts manufacturers and remanufacturers. Our members supply both the original equipment and aftermarket segments of the light vehicle (car and truck) and commercial vehicle (on- and off-road) industries. MEMA serves the industry as the voice of the motor vehicle and mobility supplier industry, speaking out on behalf of the largest manufacturing sector in the United States.

The **National Cued Speech Association** supports effective communication, language development (international languages) and literacy in families with deaf, hard of hearing or learning disabled infants, children and youth through the use of Cued Speech.

The **National Federation of the Blind (NFB)** is the oldest and largest organization of blind people in the country. Every day the NFB strives to raise expectations and promote advancement for blind people. With love, hope and determination the Federation transforms the dreams of the blind into reality.

Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) unites prominent military and business leaders to develop and advocate for policies that improve America's energy security by significantly curtailing our dependence on oil and promoting responsible use of our domestic energy resources. SAFE relies on the knowledge and experience of four-star retired military officers, Fortune 500 CEOs, and its expert staff to produce high-quality, fact based analysis and policy recommendations for lawmakers, regulatory agencies, and the public.

Segs4Vets, a nonprofit organization, awards Segways to men and women of the United States military who have sustained severe injuries while serving our Nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Founded in 1992, **60 Plus** is a nonpartisan seniors' advocacy group with a free enterprise, less government, and fewer taxes view towards issues important to seniors.