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Group Pushing for Enhanced Roadway Safety Expands Again

Diverse Coalition of Interests Urges Federal Leadership on Automated Vehicle Innovation

Washington, DC – The Coalition for Future Mobility today announced the addition of five new members – the American Council of the Blind, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, Lyft, the R Street Institute, and Third Way.

The Coalition is now comprised of 17-stakeholders calling for greater road safety, cleaner air, and enhanced independence and self-sufficiency through the development and deployment of Highly Automated Vehicle (HAV) technologies. Established in July, the group pushes for the advancement of legislation critical to the United States continuing to be a place of innovation and development for related life-saving technologies.

“This Congress has a tremendous opportunity to accelerate the deployment of automated technologies 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,” the group said in a statement.

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The coalition continued, “The list of benefits automation can provide touch every angle of personal mobility. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 35,092 people died in traffic crashes in 2015, and 94 percent of all crashes include human error as a factor. HAVs can help address that.”

The group’s legislative priorities include:

- Congress providing 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;
- Congress directing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to initiate rulemaking to update the current vehicle safety standards that do not contemplate highly automated vehicles; as well as,
- Expanding Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard exemptions, in number, duration and categories, to provide a safe mechanism for deploying highly automated vehicles.

The Coalition recently penned an “open letter to Congress” (found [here](#)) on the importance of legislation that fosters the continued growth of Highly Automated Vehicles (HAVs).

These new members join The Alliance for Transportation Innovation (ATI21), the American Highway Users Alliance (AHUA), the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), the Auto Alliance, the Automotive Service Association (ASA), Global Automakers, Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, the National Cued Speech Association, the National Federation of the Blind, Securing America’s Future Energy, Segs4Vets and 60 Plus in their ongoing efforts to educate and inform policymakers and other stakeholders of the life-saving potential of these technologies.

By adopting this forward-leaning approach to the development and deployment of self-driving vehicle technologies, Congress can send a clear signal that will help foster greater public acceptance, helping to bring a host of social benefits to roads across the country.

Find out more about the Coalition’s activities and the benefits of self-driving vehicles at: CoalitionforFutureMobility.com.

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The [American Council of the Blind](#) strives to increase the independence, security, equality of opportunity, and quality of life, for all blind and visually-impaired people.

The [Competitive Enterprise Institute](#) (CEI) is a non-profit public policy organization dedicated to advancing the principles of limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty. Our mission is to promote both freedom and fairness by making good policy good politics. We make the uncompromising case for economic freedom because we believe it is essential for entrepreneurship, innovation, and prosperity to flourish.

[Lyft](#) was founded in June 2012 by Logan Green and John Zimmer to improve people's lives with the world's best transportation. Lyft is the fastest growing rideshare company in the U.S and is available in more than 360 cities. Lyft is preferred by drivers and passengers for its safe and friendly experience, and its commitment to effecting positive change for the future of our cities.

The [R Street](#) Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, public policy research organization. Its mission is to engage in policy research and outreach to promote free markets and limited, effective government.

[Third Way](#) is a public policy and advocacy organization whose mission is to create and promote transformational centrist ideas. Our agenda is focused on economic growth and opportunity; progress on social issues; deep decarbonization to battle climate change; an approach to national security that is both tough and smart; and electoral reforms that empower the middle.