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The Time is now to Act on Bipartisan Autonomous Vehicles Legislation

Today, there is renewed momentum in Congress to pass bipartisan legislation to allow for the safe testing and deployment of automated vehicle technology. This is a historic opportunity for Congress to help save lives and greatly improve safety on our nation's roadways.

That's why a diverse group representing automakers, suppliers, tech companies, state and local governments, and advocates for the disabled and the elderly are urging Congress to take action to pass federal legislation to accelerate these lifesaving technologies with appropriate oversight.

While advancements in vehicle technology have made today's automobiles safer, tragically, last year over 37,000 lives were lost on America's roadways—that's more than 100 lives every day.

Self-driving vehicles, also called autonomous vehicles or "AVs," offer a real solution. That's because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that human choice or error is a critical reason in 94% of traffic crashes in the United States. AVs could help to reduce human error, and potentially save tens of thousands of lives every year.

At the same time, AVs have tremendous potential to reduce congestion and emissions, provide broader access to transportation, and increase mobility and independence for those who currently cannot drive due to age, disability, or other factors.

As other nations compete to bring similar technologies to the marketplace, passing federal AV legislation would help ensure the United States retains its leadership in technological research and development. Proposed legislation would establish a national framework for the testing and deployment while removing current roadblocks to innovation while ensuring consistent safety standards across the country.

Hard work by many in Congress has brought a bipartisan framework to the cusp of passage, but time is running out for this Congress to take action.

We urge Congress to pass AV legislation now.

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The Coalition for Future Mobility, a 37-member group that advocates for greater road safety, cleaner air and enhanced independence and self-sufficiency through the development and deployment of Highly Automated Vehicle (HAV) technologies. Find out more about the Coalition for Future Mobility's campaign and the benefits of self-driving vehicles at: <https://coalitionforfuturemobility.com/>