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To the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce:

We write today as the Coalition for Future Mobility, a group comprised of key stakeholders representing a wide cross section of auto manufacturers, suppliers, repairers, technology companies, mobility providers, state and local departments of transportation, safety and national security groups, consumers, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Our Coalition was created to highlight the critical need for a federal regulatory framework that allows for the safe development and deployment of AVs here in the United States. We are grateful for the work of the bipartisan, bicameral Committee staffs to advance automated vehicle legislation in the 116th Congress.

In 2018, crashes took the lives of 36,560 men, women, and children on U.S. roads – the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has found that human choice or error is a factor in approximately 94% of motor vehicle crashes on our roadways. Automated vehicle technology offers the promise of preventing many of these crashes – significantly reducing injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

While safety is a critical component in the development and deployment of AVs, these vehicles can also provide life-changing opportunities for those who are not adequately served by current mobility options, such as older adults, persons with disabilities, and those underserved by public transportation. Further, the benefits of these vehicles extend to all roadway users. Our Coalition is committed to AV deployment that can help ease congestion and gridlock, increase economic opportunities, and reduce environmental impact.

As you continue crafting thoughtful bipartisan legislation that improves both safety and mobility, we encourage you to focus your efforts on a bill that creates a technology-neutral path forward to invest and innovate by:

- Establishing a regulatory framework for the development and deployment of highly automated vehicle technologies.
- Affirming existing roles and maintaining the balance of responsibilities among federal-state-local governments.
- Maintaining American leadership in the development and deployment of AV technologies.

We appreciate the continued bipartisan, bicameral efforts to help facilitate the development and deployment of these potentially life-saving technologies, and look forward to continuing to support your work.

Sincerely,

The Coalition for Future Mobility