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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Chair
The Honorable Gus Bilirakis, Chair
The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member
The Honorable Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Sub Committee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Rodgers, Bilirakis, Pallone, and Schakowsky:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (I.U.P.A.), I offer our thoughts on the upcoming discussions of automated vehicles and self-driving vehicle legislation.

The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, represents rank and file, active-duty law enforcement professionals across this great nation, including in the territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

We surveyed our members and found that most had experienced no contact with self-driving vehicles. Generally, however, we have serious concerns about this technology. As these vehicles are being developed, criminals are working diligently to hack the systems for unlawful activities. Among other concerns, if a self-driving vehicle can deliver a pizza to a residence, it can also deliver a bomb to a school or public gathering.

We are also generally opposed to federal law trumping state and local statutes dealing with issues that will vary widely. We are concerned that broad preemption may invalidate laws requiring AVs to yield to emergency response vehicles and otherwise operate lawfully in the case of an emergency. Further, what is appropriate in rural areas and farming communities would not address the problems in New York City. We believe that local elected bodies should determine what is appropriate for their states and communities.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to address the problems these vehicles may pose to our communities.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam A. Cabral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" and last name "Cabral" clearly distinguishable.

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