

September 5, 2017

The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
United States House of Representatives
2185 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
United States House of Representatives
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bob Latta
Chairman
Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection
Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Janice Schakowsky
Ranking Member
Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection
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United States House of Representatives
2367 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Walden, Chairman Latta, Ranking Member Pallone and Ranking Member Schakowsky:

On behalf of the Association of Global Automakers, I write to thank the Energy and Commerce Committee for its leadership and hard work promoting innovation and U.S. leadership in the area of vehicle automation and urge passage of H.R. 3388, the SELF DRIVE Act.

As automated vehicle systems present the significant potential to save lives, enhance mobility, improve transportation efficiency, and reduce fuel consumption, it is important that public policy encourage testing and enable nationwide deployment of vehicles across all levels of automation. Global Automakers believes the SELF DRIVE Act is a critical step toward ensuring that the United States continues to be a leader in accelerating the development and deployment of these technologies. In particular, we believe the bill's clarification of the respective roles of federal and local governments is essential to both protect the public and drive innovation.

Automated vehicle systems are developing rapidly and outpacing the conventional regulatory process. The SELF DRIVE Act helps establish an innovative interim framework to safely advance these systems. The Act contains important provisions that can clear a pathway for increased deployments of automated vehicles and accelerate the adoption of life-saving technologies. We look forward to working with all of you and the Senate to further refine the bill and seeing automated vehicle legislation enacted into law.

Sincerely,


John Bozzella
President & CEO
Association of Global Automakers