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To establish in the Department of Transportation a Disability Mobility Advisory Council to make recommendations regarding advancing mobility access for the disabled community with respect to the testing and deployment of automated driving systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DISABILITY MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of Transportation shall es-
establish in the Department of Transportation a Disability Mobility Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) composed of not less than 15 and not more than 50 members appointed by the Secretary.

(b) DUTIES.—The Council shall undertake information gathering activities, develop technical advice, and present recommendations to the Secretary regarding advancing mobility access for the disabled community with respect to the deployment of automated driving systems to ensure an awareness of the needs of the disability community as these vehicles are being designed for distribution in commerce. The recommendations shall also be reported to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(e) MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Members of the Council shall be representative of—

(1) individuals with disabilities and the individuals’ representatives;

(2) disability researchers;

(3) directors of independent living centers;

(4) the business community that has experience with testing and developing automated driving systems, including representatives from the suppliers of this technology, the small business community and a
representative who has experience with hiring individuals with disabilities;

(5) automobile dealers selling automated driving systems; and

(6) academia with expertise in mobility access for the disabled community.

(d) Vacancies.—Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the position being vacated. The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the duties of the Council.

(e) Federal Advisory Committee Act.—The establishment and operation of the Council shall conform to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

(f) Technical Assistance.—On request of the Council, the Secretary shall provide such technical assistance to the Council as [the Council] / [the Secretary] determines to be necessary to carry out its duties.

(g) Detail of Federal Employees.—On the request of the Council, the Secretary may detail, with or without reimbursement, any of the personnel of the Department of Transportation to the Council to assist the Council in carrying out its duties. Any detail shall not in-
(h) PAYMENT AND EXPENSES.—Members of advisory councils shall serve without pay, except travel and per diem will be paid each member for meetings called by the Secretary.

(i) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term “automated driving system” has the meaning given that term in the September 2016 Surface Vehicle Recommended Practice Report (J3016) by SAE International, or any successor report thereto.