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The Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky  
Chairwoman  
Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee  
U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee  
U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
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Dear Chairwoman Schakowsky and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter for the record with respect to your planned hearing tomorrow on self-driving vehicles. Ford is working to help transform people's lives in meaningful ways. This includes exploring how self-driving technology can be part of the transportation network and weave together different transit operations to create a better, safer system for all. We are investing heavily in autonomous vehicle technologies and innovation in this area is proceeding rapidly – outpacing current auto safety regulations that were established decades ago. To ensure that innovation and investment continues to flourish in the U.S., we must move quickly to develop a regulatory framework that not only addresses testing of these new technologies, but also encourages large-scale implementation. We applaud your efforts to help shape legislation that accelerates deployment and we will continue to collaborate with all stakeholders to achieve our common goals of a safer and more efficient mobility future.

Self-driving legislation should focus on three primary elements: **1) Revised Federal Rulemaking to provide a regulatory framework for large scale deployment of these vehicles; 2) Exemptions for testing and deployment of these vehicles until such rulemaking is promulgated; and 3) Ensuring clear division amongst Federal, State, and Local government roles in regulating these vehicles.** We also feel that these regulations should concentrate on what the Society of Automotive Engineers has defined as L3 through L5 levels of automation as L1 and L2 levels are currently accommodated by existing regulations.

Continued collaboration with Congress, NGOs, the Administration, industry partners and trade associations will help us achieve our common goals of a safer and more efficient mobility future. These stakeholders are helping to educate regulators and the public and helping to develop safety standards that could also inform rulemaking and other proceedings. These associations are also helping to align AV development globally so that ultimately we can deploy this technology across markets at greater scale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Magleby", written over a horizontal line.

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