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Dear Mr. Bhargava,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade hearing on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, to testify at the hearing entitled, “AI Regulation and the Future of U.S. Leadership.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Friday, July 3, 2025. Your responses should be mailed to Alex Khlopin, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to alex.khlopin@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Gus M. Bilirakis
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

cc: The Honorable Jan Schakowsky, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

Attachment —Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

1. As this Committee has discussed before, artificial intelligence is advancing rapidly — transforming every sector of our economy, including health care and transportation. But with this transformation come serious challenges: data privacy risks, algorithmic bias, and the growing threat of foreign adversaries exploiting our vulnerabilities.

We cannot afford to let Americans' data be weaponized or allow AI to spread unchecked through mechanisms like deepfakes, robocalls, and deceptive ads. That's why I was proud to help lead the bipartisan TAKE IT DOWN Act this Congress, which will hold bad actors accountable for sharing nonconsensual deepfake content online and protecting survivors.

As my colleagues know, I'll work with anyone to get good, responsible policy across the finish line for my constituents and the American people. These are nonpartisan issues.

But as we talk about AI and innovation, we can't ignore one of the most important applications of this technology: autonomous vehicles.

As someone who has long worked on connected and AV issues, I believe deeply in the potential of AVs — not only to save lives and improve safety, but to expand mobility, grow our economy, and strengthen American leadership in innovation and manufacturing.

And AI is essential to the future of autonomous vehicles. But without a comprehensive federal framework, we are risking that future. We cannot cede ground to foreign competitors.

Mr. Bhargava, do you agree that we need a federal regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles so that the U.S. can innovate, compete, and lead globally?

Answer:

Yes, General Catalyst believes a federal regulatory framework, designed in partnership with industry, for Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) is an important aspect of how we help start-ups and small businesses developing new and transformative technologies grow and thrive in the United States, ensuring our country remains a global leader in innovation.

The role of software within vehicles has increased and will continue to grow dramatically over the next decade. Deloitte estimates that software-defined vehicle (SDV) market penetration will reach 90% by 2029. General Catalyst has made investments in AV-focused start-ups that provide simulation and infrastructure tools that will make AVs safe for the world. Developing a regulatory framework at the federal level, in close partnership with industry, will provide clear and consistent rules for these companies to develop, test, and innovate what we see as the future of transportation, logistics, and safety. Patchwork regulation on a state-by-state basis can cause confusion and slow development.

Policymakers and Federal regulators, working with industry, can and should develop

clear, flexible, industry-specific, and consistent frameworks for AVs, in order to achieve the twin goals of encouraging innovation and protecting consumers.