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Statement of TechNet on NHTSA's Autonomous Vehicle Guidelines

Washington, D.C. — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today issued the following statement in response to new guidelines on autonomous vehicles (AV) released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The following can be attributed to Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet.

"NHTSA today issued guidance on a potential national framework for autonomous vehicle standards. This guidance will jumpstart the process of determining the proper role for the federal government in establishing uniform standards for AV technology, and we applaud NHTSA for this effort.

Self-driving vehicles have enormous potential — in terms of making our roads safer; enabling mobility for seniors, the disabled, and other Americans; and improving the efficiency of vehicles, which will help alleviate traffic, reduce emissions, and limit costs.

As part of these guidelines, the federal government is placing high expectations on manufacturers above existing federal standards. We believe this will build confidence in the safety of this new technology from drivers and regulators alike.

We also welcome the clear delineation of federal versus state responsibilities within the guidelines, the long-term focus on modernizing existing federal tools, and ensuring that the guidelines create a flexible process as the technology develops further.

We look forward to participating in the discussion going forward so that we can ensure automated vehicle technology can continue to develop for the benefit of American drivers."

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