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## **TechNet Statement on House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing on Autonomous Vehicle Technologies**

*Washington, D.C.* — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today issued the following statement on the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection’s hearing on autonomous vehicle technologies. The following statement can be attributed to TechNet President and CEO Linda Moore:

**“TechNet commends the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection for examining how we can ensure the safe development and deployment of autonomous vehicle technologies. Self-driving vehicles have the potential to deliver enormous societal benefits — from making our roads safer and enabling mobility for seniors, the disabled, and other Americans, to improving the efficiency of vehicles, which will help alleviate traffic, reduce emissions, and limit costs.**

**That is why we should be encouraging the development and deployment of autonomous vehicle technologies, rather than erecting roadblocks to their growth.**

**TechNet supports the implementation of a uniform legal framework that promotes the development and deployment of autonomous vehicle technologies.**

**We hope that the issues raised at the hearing will lead to a productive discussion on policy measures that will bring us closer to fully realizing the benefits of these technologies.”**

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection’s [“Self-Driving Cars: Road to Deployment”](#) hearing was held on Tuesday, February 14, at 10:15 a.m. The hearing included testimony from Mike Ableson, Vice President of Global Strategy, General Motors; Joesph Okpaku, Vice President of Public Policy, Lyft; Dr. Nidhi Kalra, Co-Director and Senior Information Scientist, RAND Center for Decision Making Under Uncertainty; Gill Pratt, Executive Technical Advisor and CEO,

Toyota Research Institute; and Mr. Anders Karrberg, Vice President of Government Affairs, Volvo Car Group.

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