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TechNet Welcomes Senate Committee Approval of Self-Driving Vehicle Legislation

Washington, D.C. — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today welcomed approval of S. 1885, the *American Vision for Safer Transportation Through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act*, by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The bill is the first major action the Senate has taken to develop clear and consistent federal safety standards for self-driving vehicles, also referred to as autonomous vehicles (AVs). The House of Representatives last month unanimously passed its version of AV legislation, H.R. 3388, the SELF DRIVE Act.

The following statement can be attributed to Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet, whose membership includes General Motors, Lyft, Uber, Waymo, and other innovative companies developing AV-related technology:

“Last year, more than 40,000 people were killed in automobile accidents stemming from human error and distracted driving. Self-driving vehicles can take human error out of the driving equation and help save lives. They will also provide greater mobility for elderly Americans and persons with disabilities, and create more job opportunities in manufacturing and research and development.

“We must continue working to ensure federal laws and regulations are adopted that encourage self-driving vehicle technology to get better, safer, and more reliable. We applaud Chairman John Thune and Senator Gary Peters for leading this bipartisan effort in the Senate. We urge the full Senate to pass the AV START Act as soon as possible, and keep the momentum going to enact the nation’s first federal self-driving vehicle safety law.”

About TechNet

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planet and represents more than 2.7 million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, biotechnology, venture capital, and finance. TechNet has offices in Washington, D.C., Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, Austin, Boston, Olympia, Albany, and Tallahassee.

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