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Senate Must Keep Momentum Going On Self-Driving Vehicles Legislation

Washington, D.C. — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today urged the U.S. Senate to continue moving toward introduction and eventual passage of self-driving vehicles legislation, following a hearing on the subject by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 autonomous vehicle-related technology:

"The long-awaited future of self-driving cars is here, and federal policymakers are recognizing that reality by taking important steps to establish safety regulations without needlessly stifling innovation. Secretary Chao's announcement yesterday provides innovators with important guidance that furthers the goal of bringing safe self-driving cars to the road sooner. It's time for the Senate to finalize its self-driving vehicle legislation and begin moving it towards becoming the nation's first self-driving vehicle safety law signed by the President.

"This Congress cannot miss this historic opportunity to bring the benefits of self-driving cars closer to reality for Americans. Last year, more than 40,000 people were killed in automobile accidents, and self-driving vehicles hold the promise of saving lives by cutting down on human error and distracted driving. They will provide greater mobility for elderly Americans and persons with disabilities. The safe and successful deployment of more self-driving cars will also create more job opportunities in manufacturing and research and development. For these and many more reasons, Congress must act."

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