

**TESTIMONY OF Mark MACPHERSON
REPRESENTATIVE, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTER- JOINT
COUNCIL 37
ON HB 2770 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TESTING**

Co-Chairs McKeown, Byer and members of the Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today. I am Mark MacPherson, the Representative for Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. We represent over 22,000 members in the State of Oregon.

Teamsters believe that the introduction of autonomous vehicles on Oregon highways will pose a serious threat to the work our members perform. We recognize the benefits that autonomous vehicles promise and are working with the state to provide for a transition to autonomous vehicles that will protect workers, the public and provide for workers displaced by this technology. Teamsters appreciate that the state has recognized our concerns and has made a commitment to study the impact that this technology will have on workers in Oregon and make recommendations based on the results of this study.

Teamsters Joint Council No.37 has been actively involved with the Oregon Autonomous Vehicle Work Group and the Autonomous Vehicle Taskforce. Oregon has no regulations governing, or directing the testing of autonomous vehicles on Oregon highways, leaving little regulation, or restrictions over industry testing. We believe that prudent rules should be in place to protect the safety of Oregonians while giving industry the opportunity to test and demonstrate the safety of autonomous vehicles on our highways. We expect that testing will also reveal any deficiencies in the technology.

Oregon House Bill 2770 was created from the recommendations of the Autonomous Vehicle Taskforce. Teamsters support this bill and believe it provides a fair, level headed framework for the testing of autonomous vehicles on our highways. We endorse HB 2770.