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Dear House Committee on Transportation,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) thanks you for considering technology solutions to help stop drunk driving, save lives, and prevent injuries on Oregon roadways.

Autonomous vehicles hold the exciting promise of preventing deaths and injuries caused by behavioral factors, including impaired driving, which contribute to the overwhelming majority of serious and fatal crashes in the U.S. MADD believes safely advancing progress toward fully autonomous vehicles will help achieve our mission of eliminating drunk and drugged driving.

Across the country, about one-third of all crashes are caused by drunk driving, a 100% preventable crime that killed 12,429 people in 2023. Additionally, drivers are increasingly testing positive for other drugs and combinations of substances. We need technology to step in when people refuse to make the right choice to never drive impaired.

Advancements such as autonomous vehicle technology, along with anti-drunk driving technology that is required in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, will lead to more lives spared the horrible physical and emotional impact caused by impaired driving.

While great progress in roadway safety has been made since MADD's founding in 1980, traffic fatalities, injuries and crashes take an enormous toll on our country. Drunk driving remains the No. 1 cause of deaths and injuries on America's roads, killing or injuring someone every 85 seconds. Behind every one of these statistics are families whose lives have been shattered by someone's choice to drive impaired.

As we work toward a future with no more victims of the violent, preventable crime of drunk and drugged driving, we encourage lawmakers to allow companies to safely research, develop, and deploy their autonomous vehicle technologies.

Thank you for your commitment to safer roads and for partnering with MADD on our journey to end drunk and drugged driving for good.

Sincerely,

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