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The Honorable Sam Graves, Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

On behalf of the Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (“AVIA”), I write to express strong support for the BUILD America 250 Act and urge the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to advance this important legislation.

AVIA represents the unified voice of the diverse companies advancing the development and deployment of safe and trusted autonomous vehicles (“AVs”). AVs are already improving road safety, strengthening supply chains, expanding economic opportunity, and expanding mobility across the country. AVIA’s mission is to advocate for American leadership in the AV industry and the safe and timely deployment of autonomous driving technology, and the BUILD America 250 Act represents a meaningful step toward realizing that mission.<sup>1</sup> AVIA members have driven more than 360 million autonomous miles on U.S. public roads, and that figure grows every day. From passenger robotaxi services to driverless long-haul trucking, the AV industry is no longer aspirational - it is operational.

American leadership in AV technologies is not guaranteed. China has declared AVs a national strategic priority and is moving aggressively to dominate this industry. The BUILD America 250 Act will take a strong and meaningful step forward in establishing a federal policy framework for AVs and ensure the U.S. remains the global leader.

AVIA is particularly supportive of the autonomous trucking provisions included in the BUILD America 250 Act. Autonomous commercial motor vehicles (“CMVs”) offer transformative potential for American freight. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics projects that freight activity in the United States will grow by fifty percent through 2050.<sup>2</sup> Autonomous trucking can

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<sup>1</sup> AVIA members include Amazon, Aurora, AVRS, Avride, Bot Auto, Discount Tire, DoorDash, Ford, Gatik, General Motors, Honda, International, Kodiak, Lockton, Lyft, Motional, MOIA, NGV, Nuro, Plus, Stack, Rivian, Tier IV, Torc Robotics, TaskUs, Terawatt, Uber, UPS, U.S. Venture, Volvo Cars, Volvo Autonomous Solutions, Waabi, Waymo, and Zoox. See Our Mission and Members, *Autonomous Vehicle Indus. Ass'n*, <https://theavindustry.org/> (last visited May 19, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> *Freight Activity in the U.S. Expected to Grow Fifty Percent by 2050*, BUREAU OF TRANSP. STATS. (NOV. 22, 2021), <https://www.bts.gov/newsroom/freight-activity-us-expected-grow-fifty-percent-2050>.

help meet that demand, enhance fleet efficiency, and lower costs for shippers and consumers alike. Through the BUILD America 250 Act, Congress is positioning itself to unlock these benefits for the American economy.

We specifically commend the provision addressing cab-mounted warning beacons for CMVs. Current Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (“FMCSA”) regulations require a human driver to physically place warning triangles or other devices in three locations on the roadway within ten minutes of a CMV stopping - a requirement written decades ago that presupposes a driver in the cab. In October 2025, FMCSA granted a temporary waiver allowing automated driving system- (“ADS”) equipped CMVs to use cab-mounted beacons in place of manually placed warning devices.<sup>3</sup> AVIA has long advocated for exactly this kind of modernization. Cab-mounted beacons are a safer alternative for all CMV operators, including human drivers who today must exit the cab and walk on or near a live roadway to place warning triangles. The BUILD America 250 Act's approach is a commonsense safety improvement that benefits the entire trucking industry, autonomous and human-driven alike.

AVIA also strongly supports the provision directing a rulemaking on autonomous CMV performance standards. Establishing clear, nationally applicable performance standards for ADS-equipped CMVs is foundational to safe and scalable autonomous trucking deployment. A formal rulemaking will provide the regulatory certainty that companies need to invest, scale, and create American jobs. It will also ensure that autonomous trucks are held to rigorous, evidence-based safety standards - which is exactly what the public, the industry, and Congress should expect. AVIA has called on FMCSA to take this step as part of our foundational policy document, *Securing American Leadership in Autonomous Vehicles*, and we are gratified to see Congress move to make it a legislative mandate.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, AVIA thanks Representative Vince Fong for his leadership on autonomous trucking and for championing forward leaning AV policy in the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee that will accelerate the safe deployment of this technology. Representative Fong understands that autonomous trucks are not a distant possibility but a present reality - and that Congress has a responsibility to give this industry the regulatory foundation it needs to grow, compete, and deliver for the American people. I urge the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to move this legislation forward without delay. The AV industry is ready to work with you to ensure the United States leads the world on this technology, not just today but for decades to come.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>3</sup> Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for Exemption From Aurora Operations, Inc., 91Fed. Reg. 20252 (Apr. 15, 2026).

<sup>4</sup> SECURING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES, AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE INDUS. ASS'N (2025), [https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/67ee365c25e6530594bd40c2/683d8d2fa60ac22d542b1049\\_Securing%20American%20Leadership%20in%20Autonomous%20Vehicles1.pdf](https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/67ee365c25e6530594bd40c2/683d8d2fa60ac22d542b1049_Securing%20American%20Leadership%20in%20Autonomous%20Vehicles1.pdf).