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To establish in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration an Advisory Council on Improving Mobility Access for Underserved Populations and Senior Citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Addressing Community
5 Challenges Emerging From Self-Driving Systems” or the
6 “ACCESS Act”.

1 SEC. 2. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON IMPROVING MOBILITY AC-
2 CESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND
3 SENIOR CITIZENS.

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
5 appropriations, not later than 6 months after the date of
6 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation
7 shall establish in the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-
8 ministration an Advisory Council on Improving Mobility
9 Access for Underserved Populations and Senior Citizens
10 (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”).

11 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—Members of the Council shall in-
12 clude a diverse group representative of business, academia
13 and independent researchers, State and local authorities,
14 safety and consumer advocates, engineers, labor organiza-
15 tions, environmental experts, a representative of the Na-
16 tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and other
17 members determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

18 The Council shall be composed of not less than 15 and
19 not more than 30 members appointed by the Secretary.

20 (c) TERMS.—Members of the Council shall be ap-
21 pointed by the Secretary of Transportation and shall serve
22 for a term of three years.

23 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy occurring in the mem-
24 bership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner
25 as the original appointment for the position being vacated.

1 The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining
2 members to execute the duties of the Council.

3 (e) DUTIES.—The Council shall undertake informa-
4 tion gathering activities, develop technical advice, and
5 present best practices or recommendations to the Sec-
6 retary regarding mobility access for senior citizens and
7 populations underserved by traditional public transpor-
8 tation services and educational outreach efforts with re-
9 spect to the testing and distribution of highly automated
10 vehicles in commerce.

11 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The recommendations
12 of the Council shall also be reported to the Committee on
13 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
14 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
15 tation of the Senate.

16 (g) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The es-
17 tablishment and operation of the Council shall conform to
18 the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
19 (5 U.S.C. App.).

20 (h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—On request of the
21 Council, the Secretary shall provide such technical assist-
22 ance to the Council as the Secretary determines to be nec-
23 essary to carry out the Council's duties.

24 (i) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—On the re-
25 quest of the Council, the Secretary may detail, with or

1 without reimbursement, any of the personnel of the De-
2 partment of Transportation to the Council to assist the
3 Council in carrying out its duties. Any detail shall not in-
4 terrupt or otherwise affect the civil service status or privi-
5 leges of the Federal employee.

6 (j) PAYMENT AND EXPENSES.—Members of the
7 Council shall serve without pay, except travel and per diem
8 will be paid each member for meetings called by the Sec-
9 retary.

10 (k) TERMINATION.—The Council shall terminate 6
11 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

12 (l) DEFINITIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section—

14 (A) the term “automated driving system”
15 means the hardware and software that are col-
16 lectively capable of performing the entire dy-
17 namic driving task on a sustained basis, regard-
18 less of whether such system is limited to a spe-
19 cific operational design domain;

20 (B) the term “dynamic driving task”
21 means all of the real time operational and tac-
22 tical functions required to operate a vehicle in
23 on-road traffic, excluding the strategic func-
24 tions such as trip scheduling and selection of
25 destinations and waypoints, and including—

1 (A) If SAE International (or its successor
2 organization) revises the definition of any of the
3 terms defined in subparagraph (A), (B), or (D)
4 of paragraph (1) in Recommended Practice Re-
5 port J3016, it shall notify the Secretary of the
6 revision. The Secretary shall publish a notice in
7 the Federal Register to inform the public of the
8 new definition unless, within 90 days after re-
9 ceiving notice of the new definition and after
10 opening a period for public comment on the
11 new definition, the Secretary notifies SAE
12 International (or its successor organization)
13 that the Secretary has determined that the new
14 definition does not meet the need for motor ve-
15 hicle safety, or is otherwise inconsistent with
16 the purposes of chapter 301 of title 49, United
17 States Code. If the Secretary so notifies SAE
18 International (or its successor organization),
19 the existing definition in paragraph (1) shall re-
20 main in effect.

21 (B) If the Secretary does not reject a defi-
22 nition revised by SAE International (or its suc-
23 cessor organization) as described in subpara-
24 graph (A), the Secretary shall promptly make
25 any conforming amendments to the regulations

1 and standards of the Secretary that are nec-
2 essary. The revised definition shall apply for
3 purposes of this section. The requirements of
4 section 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall
5 not apply to the making of any such conforming
6 amendments.

7 (C) Pursuant to section 553 of title 5,
8 United States Code, the Secretary may update
9 any of the definitions in subparagraph (A), (B),
10 or (D) of paragraph (1) if the Secretary deter-
11 mines that materially changed circumstances
12 regarding highly automated vehicles have im-
13 pacted motor vehicle safety such that the defini-
14 tions need to be updated to reflect such cir-
15 cumstances.

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