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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
Chair
House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Delegate Holmes Norton,

On behalf of the Partnership for Transportation Innovation and Opportunity (PTIO), I write to introduce you to our organization and express our interest in working with you and your staff on research and related policy initiatives concerning autonomous vehicle (AV) technology and the U.S. workforce. We understand that the committee may soon begin to engage in efforts to reauthorize surface transportation programs. PTIO stands ready to work with you and your staff and provide assistance as you consider this important legislation.

PTIO – whose members include **The American Trucking Associations, Daimler, FedEx, Ford, Lyft, Toyota Motor North America, Uber, and Waymo** – was formed in June 2018 with a commitment to advance AV technology in ways that improve quality of life and economic opportunity for all Americans. We know that this is an exciting time in the transportation industry as advances in AV technology have the potential to improve the ways we connect people, goods, and services. Comprised of leaders in mobility and logistics, PTIO supports innovation in the transportation industry and the common-sense adoption of AVs. We also recognize, however, that widespread deployment of AV technology is likely to bring changes to our economy and may impact our workforce. These changes and impacts may affect communities across the country in different ways and at different times.

The transition from traditional vehicles to AVs will not happen overnight. This affords policymakers, industry leaders, workforce development providers, the educational community, and other stakeholders the opportunity to work collaboratively and effectively to prepare for the changes on the horizon. PTIO is committed to developing a



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well-rounded understanding of the implications that AVs will have on the future of work. Our top priority is to promote evidence-based and data-driven policies and programs that will help connect workers with AV-related economic opportunities and help ensure that all Americans benefit from the transition to our AV future.

Thank you for your continued leadership on these important issues. We would welcome the opportunity to meet directly with you and your staff to discuss the ways in which we can assist the committee with its work this Congress. Kathryn Branson from PTIO will follow up with your office or you can contact Kathryn or me directly at kathryn@ulmanpolicy.com or hilary.cain@toyota.com.

Sincerely,

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