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Self-Driving Coalition Reacts to NHTSA Autonomous Vehicles Guidance

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- This evening, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released guidance for the operation of autonomous vehicles. The Self-Driving Coalition for Safer Streets released the following statement from David Strickland, Coalition spokesperson and general counsel, in response to the guidance:

"This is an important step forward in establishing the basis of a national framework for the deployment of self-driving vehicles. Historically, the U.S. has been a pioneer and world leader in automotive technology. A federal approach to the self-driving industry will be key to enhancing motor vehicle safety while continuing to promote U.S. leadership, competitiveness and innovation. The operating guidance will help create the foundation necessary to inform industry and future regulatory and legislative efforts.

"We believe guidance from NHTSA is crucial to achieving these goals as it recognizes the challenges specific to regulating a new technology. We support guidance that provides for the standardization of self-driving policies across all 50 states, incentivizes innovation, supports rapid testing and deployment in the real world.

"State and local governments also have complementary responsibilities and should work with the federal government to achieve and maintain our status as world leaders in innovation. With the guidance now publicly available, we encourage state policymakers to engage with our Coalition to develop the appropriate policy solutions, and we stand ready to provide support and expertise for both technological and policy questions.

"We look forward to continued collaboration with NHTSA and other federal and state policymakers to further develop the national framework for safe and timely deployment that

avoids a patchwork of requirements that could inhibit self-driving vehicle development and operations."

The Self-Driving Coalition for Safer Streets was founded to promote the benefits of fully self-driving vehicles and support the safe and rapid deployment of this innovative and potentially life-saving technology. Founding members Ford, Google, Lyft, Uber, and Volvo Cars established the Coalition to work with lawmakers, regulators, and the public to realize the potential safety and societal benefits of self-driving vehicles. State policymakers who are considering action to develop policies for self-driving cars should email the Coalition at info@selfdrivingcoalition.org.

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