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RE: Docket No NHTSA-2019-0017

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To Whom it May Concern:

For purposes of introduction, I am Alan Rodbell, and I am the Police Chief in Scottsdale, Arizona. Scottsdale ranks as one of the nation's safest cities but is also known to be a community that welcomes opportunity for innovation and new technologies. Approximately 245,000 people call Scottsdale home, and another 9.1 visitors make our city a prime tourist destination. We host many innovative businesses, Nuro being one who recently has been involved in technological advances in the area of Autonomous Vehicles.

Nuro began testing in our community in 2018. Nuro utilized Autonomous Vehicles for grocery deliveries in partnership with a local food company. During this test, Thousands of deliveries were completed safely during the test period. Nuro continues to test their technology in Scottsdale, without incident.

This correspondence is a result of a request for your agency to consider reviewing the standards you have set for vehicle requirements that may not be necessary for an Autonomous Vehicle, such as rearview mirrors and side mirrors. We certainly understand, as this technology evolves, other safety features may become necessary.

These are exciting times, and as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration considers whether to grant future Nuro petitions, we are pleased to report that Nuro business leaders are working well with our community, and we encourage your agency to support continued efforts in this evolving technology.

Sincerely,

Alan G. Rodbell
Chief of Police