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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
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The Honorable Michael Kratsios
Chief Technology Officer of the United States
Office of Science and Technology Policy
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U.S. Department of Transportation
Room W12-140
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RE: Docket No. DOT–OST–2019–0179; Notice of Request for Comments: Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0 (AV 4.0)

Madam Secretary and Mr. Kratsios,

As leaders of America's automated heavy-duty trucking industry, we wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the release of *Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0* (AV 4.0). We thank you for your steady vision and leadership in promoting innovative ways to improve the safety and efficiency of the U.S. transportation system, which has created the regulatory certainty and flexibility the automated heavy-duty trucking industry needs to develop and thrive.

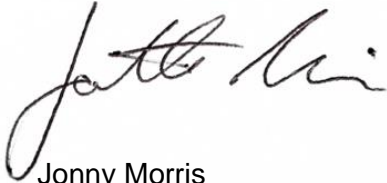
Most importantly, AV 4.0 continues the steady, consistent message that has come from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) over the past three years, as encapsulated in *Automated Driving Systems: A Vision for Safety 2.0* and *Preparing for the Future of Transportation: Automated Vehicles 3.0*. These documents have laid a strong foundation for the Automated Driving System (ADS) industry, and demonstrated USDOT's interest in providing a regulatory path towards commercialization that prioritizes safety while supporting innovation.

AV 4.0 builds on this tremendous foundation by cataloging the dozens of automated vehicle-related programs happening across the U.S. Government. Through AV 4.0, USDOT and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) have illustrated the government's genuine commitment to realizing the safety and efficiency benefits of ADS-equipped vehicles for public,

commercial, and private use. AV 4.0 will prove to be critical as industry and government seek to deepen their partnerships in the coming years.

We thank you again for your continued leadership and support, and look forward to working with you in the coming years to bring the incredible promise of ADS technology to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

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