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Personal comments from Stan Caldwell, Executive Director of the Carnegie Mellon University Traffic21 Institute and Mobility21 National University Transportation Center

Faculty from the Carnegie Mellon Mobility21 National UTC conduct both technology and policy research on automated vehicles. In the state of Pennsylvania we are a certified on-road AV tester and we have worked closely for years with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the City of Pittsburgh on their respective voluntary AV testing guidelines.

As a founding member of the Pennsylvania Autonomous Vehicle Policy Task Force I can attest to the importance of convening industry, agency, academic, and public stakeholders in a collaborative policy making process. I am encouraged by the collaborative approach NHTSA and Secretary Chao have taken with the AV TEST initiative and support the request to OMB for the collection of voluntary AV testing information. This approach is critical ensure the public acceptance of AV technology and its associated transportation safety, efficiency and environmental benefits.