

Comment from P Douglas House

I have been a licensed driver for 50 years. I am not opposed to advances in automotive technology that reliably function as intended and that serve a self-evident purpose, such as safety (stability-control systems, disc brakes, abs, backup cameras, etc.) or environmental protection (emission controls, etc.). I am, however, vehemently opposed to unreliable, overly-complex automotive technologies that do nothing more than satisfy market-desires for gadgets that endanger the public while providing nothing of value to society. In my opinion, autonomous vehicles fall into that ignominious category. I think it's insane to turn our cars and trucks into hackable, internet-connected, overly-complex computers driven by millions of lines of software-code that will be subject to frequent "updates" over the internet and will be just as frail, vulnerable and unreliable as every other computer and internet-connected system in the modern world. Letting Apple, Microsoft, Google, and other such companies drive our cars and trucks while vehicle occupants play video games and otherwise ignore the world around them is a crazy idea - a recipe for disaster.