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Mr. Cem Hatipoglu Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety Research National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., West Building Washington D.C. 20590-0001

## Re: Request for Comments on Cybersecurity Best Practices for the Safety of Modern Vehicles, Docket No. NHTSA-2020-0087, 86 Fed. Reg. 2481 (January 12, 2021)

Dear Mr. Hatipogulu:

DENSO International America, Inc., on behalf of DENSO Corporation and its US affiliate (DENSO), herein submits these comments in response to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Request for Comments on Cybersecurity Best Practices for the Safety of Modern Vehicles. DENSO supports an update to the NHTSA Cybersecurity Best Practices and appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the agency on the proposed revisions.

Security is crucial to achieving the many benefits of vehicles with advanced technologies that are paving a road for the future of transportation. As mobility and automotive connectivity accelerate in the global marketplace, the risk of security threats can also increase. DENSO is working proactively and collaboratively to protect lives by making cars safer and more reliable in the increasingly connected world. Our expertise in connected vehicles and the technologies that make them work help us aid customers in ensuring a secure driving environment.

In addition to the detailed comments submitted with this letter (please see *Attachment A*), DENSO also supports the comments of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Sincerely,

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