

Comment from Anonymous

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Hello,

I'm a person with disabilities. In my opinion, autonomous vehicles possess great potential for a variety of reasons (transport a disabled person, self transport to mechanic and return, pickup stranded driver or owner, perhaps?). For me, the question is whether autonomous vehicles are safe in comparison to human drivers? It's my understanding this petition relates to deployment in ride sharing, ride hailing and package delivery services not for sale and individual ownership.

I believe the petition should have a limited grant. Eliminating steering wheels, mirrors but include turn signals and other equipment that alerts separate vehicles with human drivers. And only to the extent of ride sharing, ride hailing or package delivery services to promote furtherance of gathering data to determine its design safety.

Furthermore, these autonomous vehicles regardless of purpose should be designed with a way to disengage the autonomous control. I hope GM and Ford continue their autonomous research and development with the goal of making autonomous vehicles at least as safe as human drivers.

So in sum, GM and Ford petition should be granted with limitation, in so far, that it will not cause potential safety concerns with human drivers of motor vehicles. When these autonomous vehicles retail at a consumer level, they must be manufactured with an option for human driving (must include steering wheel, brake pedal etc). I sincerely hope GM and Ford continue to progress toward commercial sale and individual ownership and assist in a regulatory pathway which will prepare the nation's roadways for autonomous carriage.

Thanks for your consideration.

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This submission may or may not contain error and or flaw.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and or The Americans with Disabilities Act shall apply.