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**Ford Motor Company-Receipt of Petition for Temporary Exemption from
Various Requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for an
Automated Driving System-Equipped Vehicle
Notice of Receipt of Petition for Temporary Exemption; Request for Public Comment
87 Federal Register 43602, July 21, 2022**

Pursuant to 49 CFR § 553.19, the undersigned file this request for a sixty (60) day extension of the public comment period for the request for comments noted above which is currently scheduled to conclude on August 22, 2022.

The petition at issue seeks an exemption from certain requirements from no less than seven Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. As such, this petition raises numerous complex technical and policy issues involving vehicle safety that necessitate significant analysis. Extending the comment period will permit the undersigned to provide the agency with comprehensive input on the many substantial questions raised. The City of San Francisco is the location with the most intensive testing of automated vehicles to date. As such, we have valuable insights to offer and also stand to be significantly affected by the outcome of the petition.

On the same day the petition at issue was published in the Federal Register, the agency also published a second petition from General Motors seeking an exemption from certain requirements from no less than six Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Granting this extension is in the public interest as it will provide the public with sufficient time to provide specific and thorough feedback to the agency in a timely manner on the myriad of issues posed by both petitions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Tumlin
Director of Transportation