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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, America Walks files 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. America Walks works with thousands of pedestrian and bicycle advocates across the country. Many are concerned that unproven autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies are being tested on public streets. They are the ones who will be in harm's way should this technology not function as expected.

The petition submitted by the Ford Motor Company seeks an exemption from certain requirements from no less than seven Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This petition raises numerous complex technical and policy issues with implications for vehicle and traffic safety that necessitate significant analysis. Extending the comment period will permit America Walks and its allies to provide NHTSA with comprehensive input on the many substantial questions raised.

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 stakeholders with sufficient time to provide specific and comprehensive feedback to NHTSA on the distinct issues posed by both petitions.

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

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