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Ms. Ann Carlson  
Acting Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Withdrawal of Ford Motor Company's Petition for Temporary Exemption from Various Requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for an Automated Driving System-Equipped Vehicle (Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0066)

Dear Acting Administrator Carlson:

Ford Motor Company (Ford), the largest producer of vehicles assembled in the United States, with offices at One American Road, Dearborn, Michigan 48126-2798, filed an application, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 555.6(d), for a two-year temporary exemption to further develop, evaluate, and deploy its Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Level 4 Automated Driving System (ADS) feature equipped vehicle in July 2021. The application was subsequently published in the Federal Register on July 21, 2022.

As evidenced by the planned shutdown of our ADS partner Argo AI, we believe the road to fully autonomous vehicles, at scale, with a profitable business model, will be a long one. At this time, Ford has determined that it is more prudent to focus on nearer-term L2/L3 technologies, which do not require an exemption. Hence, we would like to withdraw the subject petition for an exemption from further consideration.

We thank the agency for its consideration of our petition and remain optimistic about the future of ADS technology. At Ford, the safety of our customers and the integrity of our products remain top priorities, and we will continue working on innovations to further improve and shape the future of safe, smart transportation. If you have any questions regarding the request for withdrawal of the petition, please contact Gurunath Vemulakonda (email: gvemulak@ford.com or phone: 313-805-3466).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Frascaroli".

Emily Frascaroli