Advocates Urges You to Oppose the AI Moratorium Language

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety (Advocates) opposes provisions on artificial intelligence (AI) in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, H.R. 1, and the Senate language, including the June 29 compromise language.

State actions on AI, which include protections on autonomous vehicles (AV), should not be undermined, especially in the absence of federal laws or rules.

- While Advocates supports the deployment of technology verified by independent research to prevent crashes and reduce deaths and injuries, AI on our Nation's transportation system without proper safeguards, transparency, accountability and regulations could needlessly jeopardize public safety.

- There are no minimum federal safety standards to ensure the performance of automated driving systems (ADS), including AVs, as they operate on public roads among the traveling public.

Motor vehicle deaths remain historically high and state safety laws are essential.

- On average, 112 people were killed every day on roads in the U.S., totaling 40,901 fatalities in 2023. This is a 24 percent increase in deaths in just a decade.

- An additional 2.44 million people were injured.

- Putting unregulated, unproven AI/AVs on our roadways and limiting states' response to their operations if they want certain federal funds, will add to this public health problem.

Ensuring the safety of the American public while advancing verified technology can and should be done in unison.

Hampering the ability of states to protect the public on roadways, especially in the absence of federal safety laws and regulations, does not serve this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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