AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE – FEDERAL UPDATE
OVERVIEW

- Getting Up to Speed
- US DOT and NHTSA
- Congress
- NCSL Priorities
Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966

Preemption

- Once the Federal standard (design, construction and performance) in place, preempts states
- Prior to, no preemption
US DOT AND NHTSA

• Three versions of voluntary guidance

• Latest includes a request for Vehicle Safety Self Assessments (VSSAs)

• No new safety standards
115th Congress
- AV START Act and SELF DRIVE Act

116th
- Bi-partisan, bi-cameral
- Six staff draft sections
  - Exemptions, Testing, HAV Council
  - Preemption, Rulemaking, Definitions
NCSL PRIORITIES

- **Maintain state authority**
  - Define performance for AVs
  - Require submission of safety assessment
  - Maintain safety when exemptions granted
  - Real time data sharing with States on exemptions
  - Specific membership on any advisory or rulemaking committees
  - Devote federal resources for consumer education
QUESTIONS?

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