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# AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE – FEDERAL UPDATE

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# OVERVIEW

- Getting Up to Speed
- US DOT and NHTSA
- Congress
- NCSL Priorities



# LAY OF THE LAND

- 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



# CONGRESS

- 115<sup>th</sup> Congress
  - AV START Act and SELF DRIVE Act
- 116<sup>th</sup>
  - 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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