

## Ad-Hoc HAV Data Access Coalition

January 25, 2018

The Honorable John Thune  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science  
and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce, Science  
and Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Greg Walden  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: Support for Section 15 – HAV Data Access Advisory Committee -- of S. 1885, the “American Vision for Safer Transportation Through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies Act,” (“AV START Act”)**

Dear Chairmen Thune and Walden and Ranking Members Nelson and Pallone:

The “Ad-Hoc HAV Data Access Coalition” strongly supports Section 15 of S. 1885, the “American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies Act,” (“AV START Act”), as reported favorably from the Senate Commerce Committee. We urge that Section 15 – a bipartisan amendment originally authored by Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and incorporated into S. 1885 at the Senate Commerce Committee’s mark-up of S. 1885 by unanimous consent -- be included in any highly autonomous vehicle (HAV) legislation agreed to by the House and Senate through a formal or informal conference.

The HAV Data Access Advisory Committee created by Section 15 is an important HAV policy initiative that must be addressed now. The need to create a forum to discuss issues such as access, use, privacy and ownership of data generated by HAVs is too important to leave to future legislation. Section 15 would guarantee that the discussion starts now, rather than years from now. The Section 15 Advisory Committee is comprised of a wide cross-section of HAV policy stakeholders to ensure all interests are considered with respect to these important policy discussions. Recommendations from the Section 15 Advisory Committee would be communicated to Congress within 30 months of enactment and would inform future efforts by Congress to address these important issues.

The members of the Coalition look forward to working with you and your colleagues as the AV START Act moves to the Senate floor and as the House and Senate begin the process of reconciling the differences between the chambers' HAV bills. Thank you for considering our Coalition's position on this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

American Automotive Leasing Association

American Bus Association

American Car Rental Association

Auto Care Association

Automotive Service Association

Consumer Action

NAFA Fleet Management Association

National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies

National Consumers League

National Private Truck Council

Property Casualty Insurance Association of America

Truck Renting and Leasing Association

Allstate Insurance Company

Geotab, Inc.

Jack Cooper Logistics

Safelite Group, Inc.