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Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee

Neutral on Senate Bill 459

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Alliance for Automotive Innovation

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 459 on behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation. The Alliance represents the automobile manufacturers that produce 99% of all cars and light trucks sold in the U.S., as well as original equipment suppliers, technology and other automotive related companies and trade associations.

The Alliance is focused on creating a safe and transformative path for sustainable industry growth and has invested in design and innovations that can help protect occupants in a crash to onboard technologies that help drivers avoid a crash. Working together with governments, non-governmental organizations and road users, the Alliance is addressing the nation's most pressing road safety concerns including enhancing road safety; encouraging safety belt use; preventing impaired driving and raising awareness of risks from distracted driving. The Alliance supports stronger efforts to curb distracted driving on today's roads.

In Senate Bill 459, there is a concern in regard to the definition of "wireless telecommunications device". The language appears to include global positioning system receiver that is integrated into the automobile by the language "a global positioning system receiver or substantially similar portable wireless device that is used to initiate or receive communication, information or data". The Alliance would suggest excluding all hands-free devices in the definition or adding the language "system or device that is physically integrated into the vehicle" to what a wireless telecommunications device is not in in lines 13 through 18.

The Alliance is ready to assist in working on language to address the above issue. Thank you.

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