



December 16, 2024

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
1100 S Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Dear President Trump,

Congratulations on your election as the 47th President of the United States. The autonomous vehicle (AV) industry greatly appreciated working with you during your first term to deliver the benefits of AVs to the American public. We look forward to doing so again during your second term. The Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA) represents the world's leading autonomous vehicle companies that are developing technology to move our country into the future. The United States can continue to lead the world on AVs, but it is imperative that a federal policy framework be put in place that promotes private sector capital investment and accelerates innovation here in the United States.

The AV industry has made significant strides in recent years and the future is even brighter. Our members have collectively [driven](#) more than 70 million autonomous miles on U.S. public roads, including with robotaxis, autonomous trucks, and zero-occupancy delivery vehicles in many cities and states. Autonomous vehicles will play a pivotal role in addressing critical challenges facing our nation, including expanding economic output, enhancing supply chain efficiency, increasing transportation access for underserved communities, and reducing the persistent and unacceptable level of traffic fatalities in our country. Moreover, your administration will have the opportunity to promote the continued development and deployment of AVs in the United States, and that will help revive our industrial capacity, create new manufacturing jobs, reduce supply chain costs, and ensure that the United States remains ahead of international rivals as this critical technology continues to grow and evolve.

To fully realize these benefits, a supportive and uniform nationwide federal policy framework is essential. In the last several years, U.S. states have raced ahead on AV policy, and today 25 U.S. states covering 56% of our population have AV deployment statutes. State-level interest in this game-changing technology is welcome, but it is no substitute for federal leadership as only it can uniformly regulate the design, construction, and performance of motor vehicles. The AV industry is looking forward to working closely with Secretary-Designate Sean Duffy and his team at the Department of Transportation. If the Department's many important tools are effectively leveraged, your Administration will unleash a new wave of economic output, supply chain

resilience, and increased safety. It is imperative that your Administration move quickly on establishing a federal policy framework that supports the deployment of autonomous vehicles in the U.S.

A core value of the AV industry is commitment to transparent interactions with government officials and the public, upholding the highest safety standards, and fostering responsible integration of AVs into communities. That is why earlier this year AVIA released its [TRUST Principles](#) that articulate our engagement efforts.

We look forward to working closely with your administration to develop and implement policies that will unlock the full potential of AVs, ensuring that the United States remains the world leader in autonomous vehicle technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Farrah', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jeff Farrah
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Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association