



The SELF DRIVE Act

Top line: The SELF DRIVE Act creates clear rules of the road for the safe testing and deployment of self-driving cars in the U.S. and supports America as a global leader in this innovation. The SELF DRIVE Act was approved unanimously 54-0 out of the Energy and Commerce Committee and passed the House of Representatives by voice vote. As Europe and Asia begin to outpace the U.S. in creating national frameworks for this emerging technology, the Senate has yet to act on this important, bipartisan legislation.

Why America Needs the SELF DRIVE Act:

- Self-driving cars hold the potential to make roads safer, create new economic opportunities, and help seniors and those with disabilities live more independently.
 - In 2016 there were over 37,000 traffic fatalities on America's roads, 2.5 million injuries, and over 6 million car accidents. 94% of accidents are attributable to human error. Self-driving cars hold the potential to reduce fatalities by 90%, saving 30,000 lives a year.
- Without a national framework, there is a real risk of states developing a patchwork of laws for the testing and development of self-driving cars in the U.S. This means uncertainty for innovators and the lack of a federal safety policy for folks on the road.
- Countries in Europe and Asia have already enacted legislation related to self-driving cars, and as a result, the U.S. is being outpaced when it comes to investment, economic growth, jobs, and safety benefits. Without the SELF DRIVE Act, the U.S. could soon miss out on being a global force in this space, breaking our proud history of leading the world in innovation and automotive technology.
- Recent high-profile accidents have raised concerns about advancing self-driving technology. The SELF DRIVE Act provides the framework and aggressive government oversight necessary to help ensure that self-driving cars are as safe, if not safer, than cars on the road today. If the Senate halts its work, it will only delay critical federal safety standards.

The SELF DRIVE Act would:

- Improve the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) access to safety data for future updates and development of safety standards and provides greater transparency for disclosures for the public.
- Require the submission of safety assessment certifications by manufacturers of self-driving cars.
- Strengthen NHTSA's ability to update 1970s era regulation.
- Maintain NHTSA's broad recall authority to remove self-driving cars off our roadways that it deems unsafe.
- Clarify the state and federal roles with respect to self-driving cars.
 - States will continue to control vehicle registration, licensing, driving education and training, insurance, law enforcement, crash investigations, safety and emissions inspections, congestion management, and traffic laws.
 - NHTSA will continue to be the agency responsible for regulating the safety of the design, construction, and performance of self-driving cars to avoid requirements that would prohibit or limit interstate commerce and travel.

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