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Honda Endorses S. 1809, to authorize the Department of Transportation to create the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Challenge grant program

Honda North America, Inc. is pleased to endorse S. 1809 to authorize the Department of Transportation to create the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Challenge grant program. Honda believes that increased connectivity and automation will help improve the mobility, and subsequently the lives, of all Americans. Specifically, we believe the SMART Challenge grant program could help speed testing and deployment of these technologies to suburban and rural areas.

Honda is pursuing deployment of connected and automated vehicle technology in all areas of the United States in order to provide the full safety benefit for all Americans. While it is projected that these technologies will be deployed to urban areas first, our vehicles will be in need of infrastructure interaction in all environments so setting aside a portion of these grants for rural areas only serves to help further what we are trying to accomplish.

S. 1809 shows great forethought towards the future of mobility. Honda congratulates Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Richard Burr, and looks forward to supporting this bill as it progresses through Congress.