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Subject: End Drunk Driving by Opposing H.R. 1137 and Support the HALT Drunk Driving Law

Good Afternoon,

Our organizations respectfully urge you to oppose H.R. 1137, the No Kill Switches in Cars Act, as well as any related inaccurately titled “kill switch” measures led by Representatives Scott Perry, Chip Roy, Thomas Massie and Keith Self.

Each year, 12,000 people in the United States are killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for 30% of all traffic deaths. These are preventable losses of life that continue to devastate families and communities across the country. The HALT Drunk Driving Act, passed into law in 2021 as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, represents a critical, bipartisan effort to end these tragedies by advancing vehicle safety technologies capable of preventing drunk driving before it occurs.

The anti-drunk driving technology contemplated under this law is not a government-controlled “kill switch,” nor is it a government surveillance tool. The systems under development are designed to passively measure driver impairment - such as through touch-based and breath-based sensors - and only intervene if the driver is drunk. The law does not permit technology that tracks a vehicle’s location, collects or stores personal driving data, or transmits information to the government or third parties. There is no mechanism for remote vehicle control or external shutdown.

Our organizations support safeguards that ensure the technology will function solely as an in-vehicle safety feature, similar to seatbelt reminders or automatic emergency braking systems, which have significantly reduced injuries and fatalities without compromising privacy. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), more than 10,000 lives will be saved every year when the HALT Drunk Driving Act is fully implemented.

By contrast, H.R. 1137 would repeal requirements intended to advance the deployment of these lifesaving systems. At a time when drunk driving deaths kill 32 people in the U.S.

every day, rolling back this progress would risk more preventable deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

Protecting the HALT Drunk Driving Act and its implementation means prioritizing public safety without compromising personal freedoms. We urge you to stand with victims, families, and safety advocates by rejecting the effort to repeal, weaken or defund this lifesaving law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

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Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (responsibility.org)

Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

National Safety Council (NSC)