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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman
Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Members of Congress,

Following years of careful study, in 2020 the FCC took bipartisan action to allow both unlicensed broadband and automotive use of the 5.9 GHz band, clearing the way for billions of dollars in economic value and innovation.

The Department of Transportation DOT recently announced study appears to be designed to undermine the decision, spurred by intent on re-asserting a claim that the automotive industry should control the entire band.

(DSRC) technology. This advances the future of ITS, since DSRC was not deployed by the automotive industry in any meaningful way outside of a handful of pilot projects.

The FCC undertook a lengthy, full, and fair public rulemaking that expressly considered the views of all stakeholders, from consumer advocates and technology companies to the DOT, state transportation agencies and vehicle manufacturers. The result was a bipartisan and unanimous decision that adopted careful technical rules to protect neighboring automotive services.