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The Honorable Haley Stevens
The Honorable Jim Baird
House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology
Subcommittee on Research & Technology
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Dear Chair Stevens, Ranking Member Baird, and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for holding today's field hearing on "Smart Transportation and Mobility in Suburban Communities." This is an increasingly important topic, and is deserving of the attention afforded by a field hearing.

Headquartered in Livonia, ZF North America is a leader in vehicle active and passive safety and powertrain systems, serving all major vehicle manufacturers, and manufacturing those products here in the United States. We are honored that today's hearing will take place at nearby Livonia City Hall, and we look forward to assisting the Committee in its ongoing analysis of smart mobility.

ZF is actively engaged in the development and deployment of technology that achieves our Vision Zero goal of a future with zero accidents and zero emissions. We are working with government, industry, academia and other public partners to help realize this vision while simultaneously responding to the need for safe and efficient mobility in small towns and suburban communities.

Through our joint venture, e.GO Moove GmbH, ZF is actively testing new electric and autonomous people movers that will provide more reliable and efficient shared transit. ZF has also been a partner to communities, universities, and research institutions in the U.S. that are considering and developing next-generation mobility solutions that address challenges ranging from maximizing vehicle utility and efficiency to ensuring reliable and safe disability access.

Moving forward, ZF appreciates the critical role that the federal government will continue to play in enabling the next generation of mobility services and ensuring that the transition is inclusive of all Americans. We appreciate the Committee's consideration of this important topic, and we look forward to supporting your ongoing work.

Best regards,

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