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Recent activities of ASA's Washington, D.C., office ...

New Vehicle Technologies

We have continued our efforts to advance ASA's position with regard to new vehicle technologies. In addition to conferences, etc., ASA has been involved with automakers and the Aftermarket Telematics Task Force (ATTF) in new vehicle technology policy discussions.

At the ATTF meeting this summer, ASA proposed trying to get legislative language into the American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies (AV START) Act. Our language would include establishing a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) entity, administered by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce had previously completed work on their AV legislation and later passed their bill under a suspension (cannot be amended).

We were able to get similar language in the Senate AV legislation that has passed the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee. To date, the bill has not been scheduled for floor consideration.

NHTSA Releases AV Guidance

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and NHTSA released new federal guidance for "Automated Driving Systems (ADS): A Vision for Safety 2.0." This document updates the original 2016 guidance by incorporating public and congressional feedback.

Specifically, the new guidance:

- Focuses on SAE International Levels of Automation 3-5 – automated driving systems – conditional, high and full automation
- Clarifies the guidance process and that entities do not need to wait to test or deploy their ADS
- Revises unnecessary design elements from safety self-assessment
- Aligns federal guidance with the latest developments and industry terminology
- Clarifies federal and state roles going forward

Mechanical Operations Committee Fly-in

The Mechanical Operations Committee (MOC) recently held meetings in Washington, D.C. These included Capitol Hill, administration and industry meetings. The goals of the MOC Fly-in were:

- To dialogue with federal government policymakers and industry regarding new vehicle technologies
- To dialogue with federal government policymakers and industry leaders on cybersecurity issues

Vehicle technology discussions were held with the Senate Commerce Committee, House Transportation Committee, House Energy and Commerce Committee and NHTSA.

In addition, the MOC met with the House Small Business Committee to discuss cybersecurity matters. The Committee has held hearings and provided cybersecurity, as related to the small business community, to the Energy and Commerce Committee. The MOC met with the House and Senate sponsors of the SPY Car Act.

Collision Operations Committee Fly-in

The Collision Operations Committee (COC) met with federal government and industry leaders to discuss several issues important to collision shops, including:

- Protection of the U.S. Department of Treasury's Federal Insurance Office (FIO). ASA opposes the elimination of the FIO.
- Establishment of a Federal Advisory Committee (FACA) on data access and cybersecurity at NHTSA and included the FTC.

COC members also participated in a roundtable discussion with the Senate Banking Committee on the FIO and briefed the House Appropriations Financial Services Subcommittee on ASA's interest in a FACA seat at FIO. Also, COC members met at the U.S. Department of the Treasury with FIO's leadership team to discuss the future of FIO and the role of collision repairers.

Finally, COC members discussed a FACA for data access and cybersecurity issues with House and Senate offices.

Vehicle Safety Inspection

Some Texas state legislators continue their efforts to eliminate the state periodic motor vehicle inspection program. In addition to regular session efforts, the Texas law was under threat during the special session. The bill did not advance and the program remains safe for now.

Cybersecurity

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) submitted a report on vehicle data privacy to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Research and Technology, under the Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

This report:

- Examines the types, use and sharing of data collected by connected vehicles
- Determines the extent to which selected automakers' privacy policies for these data align with leading practices
- Evaluates related federal roles and efforts, among other objectives

The COC met with the GAO to discuss the report.

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