

**Opening Statement
Rep. G. K. Butterfield
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Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade
Hearing on “Vehicle to Vehicle Communications and Connected Roadways of
the Future”
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Thank you Chairman Burgess and Ranking Member Schakowsky for holding this hearing on vehicle-to-vehicle communication technologies. The safety potential of V2V communication technologies is significant. It is in everyone’s best interest to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries, and it is my belief that eventually this technology can be helpful to that end. I am also very interested in how this technology can potentially benefit pedestrians, bicyclists, and those riding motorcycles.

However, there are many issues to work out to make sure this technology can be effective. I am encouraged that the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration is bringing all stakeholders to the table to work through issues including reliability, interoperability, data security, spectrum, and deployment. I appreciate the deliberate process the DOT has been taking with this rulemaking, and look forward to discussing the potential of these technologies to improve the safety of eastern North Carolinians.