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Car safety is a critical issue. Almost 40,000 people die on our roads every year. This is far too many! New vehicle technologies can and should reduce those deaths. NHTSA must have the resources they need to achieve strong safety outcomes. I also support the right to repair. Once you own a car you should be able to fix it wherever you want. This will lower costs for consumers, increase competition, and support safety. The American people deserve safe roads and fair treatment as consumers. I yield to Rep. Mullin.