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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. As we consider today's bills, we must start pairing innovation with safety, which we have not been doing. The American people deserve to benefit and be safer from the new technologies.