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**House Energy and Commerce Committee
Markup of Motor Vehicle Modernization Act, May 21, 2026**

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety supports the noted provisions to improve safety in the current bill language and consequently, the overall E&C bill.

Sec. 103	Amends existing requirement for submission of Rulemaking Report to require a priority plan to provide more details regarding delays in finishing rulemaking as well as plans to complete outstanding rulemakings.	SUPPORT
Sec. 104	Requires NHTSA to use recognized project schedule management practices for rulemaking procedures. Directs GAO to conduct a study to assess the implementation of this section by the Administrator.	SUPPORT
Sec. 106	Requires NHTSA to address GAO findings on opportunities to improve recall repair rates. Requires report from GAO on NHTSA's efforts to meet requirements of section.	SUPPORT
Sec. 111	Directs NASEM study on modernizing VIN and consult with safety groups, among others.	SUPPORT
Sec. 112	Directs NHTSA to establish Motor Vehicle Fire Rescue Working Group to provide recommendations to NHTSA on matters related to ensuring the safe and efficient extraction of occupants of motor vehicles post-crash. Membership includes safety organizations.	SUPPORT
Sec. 115	Directs NASEM to study distraction caused by driver-controlled technology, submit a report and identify recommendations.	SUPPORT
Sec. 116	Improves vehicle and road user safety by requiring automatic emergency braking (AEB) in light vehicles to detect and respond to bicycle and motorcycle riders.	SUPPORT
Sec. 117	Improves occupant safety by requiring vehicles that are equipped with electronic door latch systems to have a manual door release to overcome potential issues with electrical systems in a crash.	SUPPORT
Secs. 120 & 231	Upgrades automated driving system (ADS) safety by prohibiting misleading claims on the performance of features or components of vehicles equipped with a partial ADS and improving consumer information. Requires information in the owner's manual regarding limitations of the ADS and driver responsibilities.	SUPPORT
Sec. 221	Directs NHTSA to conduct study to identify 10 most prevalent legal modifications and customizations made to a passenger motor vehicle for the previous 3 years. Study requires outreach to safety organizations.	SUPPORT
Sec. 105	Amends 49 U.S.C. 30112(b)(10) to allow motor vehicle equipment to be introduced into interstate commerce solely to be tested and evaluated without having to comply with FMVSS. If the motor vehicle equipment is not compliant with FMVSS, the manufacturer should have to apply for an exemption from NHTSA to determine if the noncompliance presents an unreasonable risk to safety.	OPPOSE