

Vehicle Supplier Industry Priorities

Make our Vehicles and Roads Safer and More Intelligent



Background

Vehicle suppliers are transforming the future of transportation through developments in systems and components such as advanced crash avoidance and automated driving systems that make vehicles, vehicle occupants, and other roadway users safer. The industry needs a thoughtful and robust policy framework to deploy these technologies most effectively. These steps will safeguard the competitiveness of the U.S. vehicle supplier industry.

MEMA urges policy makers to:



Conduct oversight to ensure that the NHTSA and the FMCSA meet the requirements of the bipartisan infrastructure legislation, including updating and modernizing the U.S. New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) and developing performance standards for proven advanced driver assistance systems such as automatic emergency braking.



Create a single national framework for automated vehicles that does not impede suppliers' ability to test and evaluate prototypes on public roads and clarifies the distinction between federal and state roles in regulating AVs.



Immediately permit deployment of cellular vehicle-to-everything (C-V2X) safety technology by approving waiver requests of the FCC's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) rules to open access to the 5.895-5.925 GHz Band. Additionally, the FCC must act quickly to adopt final rules to ensure full deployment and utilization of the band.

About MEMA and the Vehicle Supplier Industry

MEMA is the leading national trade association representing motor vehicle parts manufacturers, which is the largest sector of manufacturing jobs in the United States.

Vehicle suppliers:

- **Directly employ 907,000 people**, making the industry the largest sector of manufacturing jobs in the United States.
- Operate in **all 50 states**.
- Direct, indirect, and induced vehicle supplier employment accounts for **4.8 million U.S. jobs** and contributes **2.5 percent** to the U.S. GDP.

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