



STATEMENT OF THE

AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR VEHICLE OWNERS' RIGHTS

BEFORE THE

HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE'S

INNOVATION, DATA AND COMMERCE SUBCOMMITTEE'S

HEARING ON

"LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT KIDS ONLINE

AND ENSURE AMERICANS' DATA PRIVACY RIGHTS"

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The undersigned organizations and companies of the American Alliance for Vehicle Owners' Rights (AAVOR) respectfully submit this statement to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Innovation, Data and Commerce and ask that it be made part of the official record for the April 17, 2024 hearing on "Legislative Solutions to Protect Kids Online and Ensure Americans' Data Privacy."

AAVOR's members represent interests from across the mobility ecosystem, including consumer advocates, fleet owners and operators, shared mobility service providers, preventative automotive maintenance and repair providers, insurers, automotive recyclers, and telematics providers. As Congress looks to address privacy concerns, and as vehicles are increasingly "computers on wheels," we respectfully urge Congress also to address the issue of access, ownership and control of motor vehicle generated data.

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Motor vehicle generated data is the new frontier for the development of the future of mobility. Today's connected vehicles (cars, trucks and buses) offer consumers innovative new services, and bring significant downstream business development potential for all stakeholders in the on-road transportation sector, including, but not limited to, navigation (real-time localization/traffic information), infotainment (access to online movies/music), maintenance (fleet management/remote diagnostics/vehicle recovery), insurance (pay-as-you-drive/claim investigation), traffic efficiency (reduced congestion), sustainability (reduced fuel consumption), and safety. This vehicle-generated data is related to nearly every aspect of the vehicle's operation and has been historically accessed through a physical "on-board diagnostics" (e.g., OBD-II in passenger cars) port. A growing number of vehicles are transitioning to wireless access (telematics), bypassing the in-cabin, wired-access port and restricting access to vehicle generated data by vehicle owners and third parties. Vehicle-generated data – whether accessed through a wired port or telematics -- already provides many benefits.

Based on the foregoing, as Congress seeks to enact a federal data privacy law, we respectfully urge Congress to also address the issue of access, ownership and control of motor vehicle generated data, and we look forward to working with members of the Subcommittee on these important issues. We thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement for the record.

Signed,

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American Property Casualty Insurance Association
Automotive Recyclers Association
Consumer Action
NAFA – Fleet Management Association
National Consumers League
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association
Tire Industry Association

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