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Hon. Anne Carney, Senate Chair
Hon. Amy Kuhn, House Chair
Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: Support LD 2120: An Act to Enable Survivors of Abuse to Disable Connected Vehicle Services

Dear Chair Carney, Chair Kuhn, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation¹ (Auto Innovators), I want to express appreciation for your interest on our shared goal of protecting survivors of domestic violence from any unnecessary risk through the manipulation of connected vehicle technology. I write to you today in support of LD 2120, which codifies protections for domestic violence survivors while preserving their access to personal mobility.

Safety is a cornerstone of the automotive industry and serves as a driving factor in automotive innovation and design. Consistent with that ethos, Auto Innovators understands the importance of protecting survivors of domestic violence from their abusers and is troubled by the potential and unacceptable abuse of connected vehicle services to stalk or harass domestic violence survivors.

Automotive OEMs, wireless providers, and telematics companies across the industry are offering cutting edge connected car applications and systems that not only make vehicles more enjoyable to drive, but also make them safer. Indeed, connected vehicle applications: enable navigation services and vehicle health alerts; deliver information about battery level and charging status; identify locations of nearby charging stations for electric vehicles; provide remote vehicle operations, such as remote operation of locking and unlocking systems, lights, engine start and stop, cabin climate cooling and heating, and horn function; and facilitate vehicle locator, valet mode, and geofencing capabilities. Other convenience features include in-vehicle Wi-Fi hotspots as well as in-vehicle entertainment apps such as SiriusXM, Spotify, and other infotainment. More importantly, however, connected car services are making the driving experience safer by detecting crashes and alerting authorities, tracking stolen vehicles, and providing roadside assistance to drivers.

While consumers are offered many benefits from connected car technology, Auto Innovators and its members are committed to protecting survivors of domestic violence from abusers and are

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concerned about the unacceptable misuse of connected vehicle services by abusers to stalk or harass domestic violence victims.

In response to the misuse of these technologies, automakers have developed legislation and supported workable proposals in other states that give domestic violence survivors a safe and secure way to disable connected vehicle services.

The legislation before you today would, among other provisions:

- Create a secure process for survivors to request that OEMs terminate an abuser's access to connected vehicle services.
- Require OEMs to respond to such requests within two business days.
- Deny abusers access to any data generated after their access has been terminated.
- Prohibit any fees or charges for terminating access to connected vehicle services.

These provisions form the basis of domestic violence protection laws in several other states, and bi-partisan legislation was also introduced in Congress last year². They help ensure that domestic violence victims can secure their privacy, while protecting their freedom through access to a vehicle.

We respectfully urge the committee to advance LD 2120 in its current form at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,



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² <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2110/text>