

Automotive Industry is Using Advanced Tech to Fight the Pandemic

This week, the U.S. Chamber's Technology Engagement Center (C_TEC) [sent a letter](#) to Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Roger Wicker (R-MS) and House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Greg Walden (R-OR) in response to their request on how industry is combatting COVID-19, and how policymakers can help advanced automotive innovation, such as automated vehicles. C_TEC's letter detailed the extensive work the Chamber has done on advocacy, support for our federation partners and small businesses, and thought leadership in addressing the pandemic.

In addition, the letter highlighted the numerous examples of how our member companies are supporting their communities in these trying times. For example, Cruise, an automated vehicle developer, has delivered over 20,000 contactless deliveries using automated vehicle technology to food banks in San Francisco and automakers such as Ford and Toyota, and has repurposed its manufacturing facilities to provide essential medical equipment to frontline workers.

Finally, the letter reiterated the Chamber's support for Congressional action to ensure the safe development, testing, and deployment of automated vehicle technology. As other countries, such as China, race ahead in deployment of self-driving vehicles, it is imperative that the United States does not get left behind.