

## Support for Driverless Auto Legislation

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In the charge of the task force to be innovative, I believe the task force should develop and adopt a supportive statement surrounding the need for the Administration and Legislator to support Driverless Auto Technology.

I have taken the liberty of designing a statement which I believe should be the basis of the beginning of our statement. It is my hope that through discussion of the Task Force we can develop a statement that encompasses the entire Task Forces ideas. After development, it is my hope the statement will be placed into the Task Forces final report.

It is the Tasks Forces desire to motivate the Indiana Administration, and the Legislature to enact and drive legislation which would advance Indiana as an innovator of driverless vehicles. Especially, when it comes to driverless vehicles supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. We as a Task Force believe this would advance the Task Forces Vision of ensuring "All Hoosiers with intellectual and other developmental disabilities have the opportunities to use their gifts and talents to live a good life, with choice and control." This single innovation and advancement in technology could be the largest step forward in providing individuals the ability through transportation freedom to achieve, control, and realize their healthcare, daily living, employment and their dreams when and as they desire, under their own control. This freedom is essential to all Hoosiers and for a long time this freedom has been restricted by circumstance. Therefore, this Task Force requests everyone in government to do everything in their power to make Indiana an environment which advances driverless vehicles for all.

It is my recommendation the Task Force request the Indiana General Assembly to pass a proclamation stating their support for driverless cars in respect to advancing the freedoms and connectivity to community for individuals with disabilities.