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Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

More than 15,000 Teamster members live, work, and raise their families here in the state of Maryland, including many thousands who drive vehicles for a living. We represent bus drivers who safely bring children to and from schools in Harford County; UPS members in their familiar brown uniforms who deliver packages to homes and businesses throughout the state; our members can be seen operating paratransit vehicles for WMATA throughout the DMV; we deliver groceries to stores throughout the city of Baltimore; our members can be found hauling heavy equipment to and from construction sites from Garrett County, all the way to the Eastern Shore. Wherever you go in this state, you are likely sharing the public roads with a member of Teamster Joint Council 62.

It is on behalf of these members that I write to you today in order to express my deep concern regarding House Bill 1295. As the bill is currently written, our members would be forced to share the roads with fully autonomous driverless vehicles of any size, despite the fact that these vehicles have not proven that they are safe for operation. Until our members have been properly consulted and had their concerns heard, and until the state of Maryland has studied both the safety and economic impact of the deployment of fully autonomous commercial vehicles, we cannot and should not advance this legislation.

We urge you to bring together all relevant stakeholders – professional drivers, including Teamster members, representatives from public safety groups and law enforcement, and the small businesses across our state who would face an economic impact – for a comprehensive examination of these issues before we rush these vehicles onto our roads. These stakeholders, and the driving public, deserve to have their voices heard. There are still far too many

unanswered questions that our elected officials have a duty to answer before we can move such legislation forward.

On behalf of the members of Teamsters Joint Council 62, I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill 1295.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Cedenio', written in a cursive style.

Sean Cedenio
President, Teamsters Joint Council 62