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**STATEMENT OF ITS AMERICA PRESIDENT & CEO SHAILEN BHATT
ON DEFAZIO LETTER TO FCC SUPPORTING 5.9 GHz BAND**

“ITS America appreciates House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chair DeFazio’s prioritization of public safety and applauds his continued support for V2X technologies and their safe operation in the 5.9 GHz band.

With the recent National Safety Council’s alarming estimates that 42,060 people died on U.S. roadways last year – an eight percent jump – now is not the time to give away a majority of this spectrum. In addition, state and local transportation agencies have invested hundred of millions of dollars in this life-saving technology that would be wasted if the FCC plows ahead with its plan.

We hope Commissioner Rosenworcel heeds Chair DeFazio’s request that the FCC take a more ‘measured approach.’”

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