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RE: PROTECTING OUR DOMESTIC FREEDOM TO TRAVEL

Dear US Senators and House Members:

We are writing to you as constituents and as American citizens, whose rights are to be protected by the United States Constitution and your sworn oath to the same. Given the rapid erosion of our rights over the last two decades, in this letter we spotlight our very valid and deep concerns about the consequences of a section of the Biden Administration's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) signed into law on November 15, 2021.

The Serious Problem

After 2026, the Biden Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires **all** vehicles to be equipped with remote vehicle tracking and disabling technology (otherwise known as a remote kill-switch).

Since this was purported to be a way to detect impaired drivers (SEC. 24220. ADVANCED IMPAIRED DRIVING TECHNOLOGY), that means it must be able to track vehicles and know when a person's driving indicates he or she is impaired. **Therefore, it also means it can be used to illegally surveil American citizens without a warrant.**

We dare not trust the federal government (or any level of government) with such potential for abuse. This poses a direct and imminent threat to travel liberties (the free association of people), to free trade (free market commerce), and to our Fourth Amendment Constitutional right not to be surveilled by the government without a warrant.

Former Congressman Bob Barr lays out the dangers in his November 29, 2021, Daily Caller editorial "Biden's 'Infrastructure' Bill Contains Back Door 'Kill Switch' for Cars."

Barr warned, "Everything about this mandatory measure should set off red flares. **First**, use of the word 'passively' suggests the system will *always be on* and *constantly monitoring* the vehicle. **Secondly**, the system must connect to the vehicle's operational controls, so as to disable the vehicle either before driving or during, when impairment is detected. **Thirdly**, it will be an 'open' system, or at least one with a backdoor, meaning authorized (or unauthorized) third-parties can *remotely access* the system's data at any time.

"This is a privacy disaster in the making, and the fact that the provision made it through Congress reveals – yet again – how little its members care about the privacy of their constituents."

Barr concludes, "The lack of ultimate control over one's vehicle presents numerous and extremely serious safety issues; issues that should have been obvious to Members of Congress before they voted on the measure."

The courts already have options to prevent someone who is impaired from getting behind the wheel of a car without effecting the rights of all Americans. We see the remote kill-switch as just another way our government will further its well-documented intent to illegally surveil all Americans under the guise of stopping drunk driving.

The Solution

The proper solution to this liberty-threatening "mistake" is the outright repeal of this mandate! But at a *bare minimum*, legislation is needed to allow the disablement of vehicular kill-switches cheaply and easily. Only with the direct known consent of a driver or a court order should any remote vehicle tracking and disabling technology be used in any vehicle.

The Urgency

Since this federal law **requires every car maker to add the kill-switch to every new vehicle** sold after 2026, and since vehicle design lead-times are long, **Congress must take action to repeal this section of the IIJA this year to have any impact.** Any further delay will be too late to impact vehicle designs for 2026.

The time is short for you to act. We strongly urge you to make the immediate repeal of this kill-switch mandate your top priority! Your oath of office compels you to shield the rights of American citizens from the clear and present dangers we have laid out. **Mandated vehicular kill-switches advance tyranny.** *For the love of Liberty, we urge you to stop it!*

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