

## Comment from Jean Mukherjee

The inclusion of V2X communications and other technology on transportation vehicles should not be mandated and in fact, should not even be promoted or installed.

1-This technology is extraordinarily expensive. If a manufacturer wants to utilize this technology, then they should bear the full cost of any infrastructure requirements and all liability. Tax payers should not be responsible for these costs.

2-Such technology if installed should be able to be removed or turned off by the user. There should be no costs to the user associated with removal and/or turning off this technology.

3-In recent years, many of the various technological additions to vehicles are extremely distracting to drivers. Further, they give drivers a false sense of safety/competence. The result is numerous daily distracted driving incidents--drivers driving into building, telephone poles, pedestrians, bicyclists.

4-I have purposely put off purchasing a new vehicle in recent years and will continue to put off such a purchase because I do not want a vehicle with a screen in it. When I'm in my car, I want to drive without distraction.....I do not want to stare at a screen....I already do that all day. I also do not want to pay for technology I'll never use--my current vehicle has cruise control--something that is absolutely impossible to even contemplate using in the crowded NE US.

5-It completely confounds me as to why so much effort is being put into taking over the activity of driving.....I enjoy driving. Humans have been driving for decades. Trying to mimic a human and their ability to drive is indeed a technological challenge and I'm sure manufacturers are betting on reaping large financial gains from this fad, but the effort and financial input required is a complete waste.

There is no way to account for all the parameters on the road in all weather and all conditions, particularly when there is a vast mix of vehicles, both with and without various technological advances. Such monetary expenditure and effort should be devoted to something that needs fixing--like climate change and environmental preservation and reclamation and preventing species collapse.

6-Once again, we are adding technology to something and creating yet another item that will become obsolescent within a matter of months or years. The result is more eWaste, more environmental degradation as we seek conflict minerals to create this technology and yet more materials that cannot and/or will not be recycled or re-used.