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Automated driving systems need to be held to standards as high or higher than the aviation industry. Essentially, these new ADS systems are moving the pilots (drivers) to the passenger seat. Highly automated aircraft still require pilots. In light of the FAA's recent decision to ground Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, we need to be cautious that this new technology is not evolving too quickly. What standards will these vehicles be held to with no pilot present? Who will take responsibility for every conceivable software and hardware error to ensure human life is protected? This is an area not frequently discussed in the media. Making changes and improvements to ADS after a tragic death occurs is easy due to public pressure. The challenge is engineering a system to prevent occupant injuries and deaths due to design errors in the first place when that pressure does not yet exist. In conclusion, I believe much more time is needed with a human safety driver with a brake pedal and steering wheel because the technology is changing too quickly to gain adequate public confidence. More time is needed with a stable system before the training wheels come off.