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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

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### Teamsters Applaud PA Senate for Blocking Autonomous Vehicle Industry Seat

*Camp Hill, PA-* Sisters and Brothers, this victory didn't happen on its own. For days, the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters, alongside the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, talked with Senators and their staff, urging them not to hand the AV industry a seat at the table.

Our persistence paid off. On November 18th, the Senate rolled back SB 997 to an earlier version — removing language that would have given the AV industry a seat on the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. That means no corporate lobbyist pushing driverless trucks will sit on the committee that shapes safety policy.

"This is a win for every driver and every family that depends on safe roads and good union jobs. Lawmakers stood with workers instead of corporate lobbyists. Teamsters will keep fighting to make sure technology serves people, not replaces them," said President William Hamilton.

We commend Sister Lindsey Williams, a Pennsylvania Senator and proud Teamster, for leading the charge. We also thank our Conference staff and advisors, including consultant O'Neill, Tommy Doyle from the IBT Department of Political and Legislative Action, and Dan Grace, Legislative Advisor to the Conference, for their tireless advocacy.

Teamsters understand the truth: driverless trucks don't make our roads safer — they make them more dangerous. They don't protect jobs — they eliminate them. Keeping the AV industry off this committee is the first step toward rethinking Pennsylvania's AV law. If corporations don't belong at the table, then driverless trucks don't belong on our roads without human operators.

No corporate lobbyist, no tech executive, no machine can replace the lived experience of a driver who's hauled freight through Pennsylvania's highways, snowstorms, and long nights. If lawmakers want real safety and accountability, they need a Teamster driver at the table. Because only we know what it means to keep families safe while keeping America moving.

The fight doesn't end here. Next, we demand a Teamster over-the-road driver on the committee — and we will push to amend Pennsylvania's AV law to require a human operator in every autonomous truck.

The USA runs on eighteen wheels. If you bought it, a truck brought it. That's not just a slogan — it's the truth. Every product on every shelf, every package at every doorstep, every meal on every table depends on the men and women behind the wheel. Teamsters keep America moving, and we won't let corporations or machines take that dignity away.

