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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 135 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 135 of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 135 is ambiguous and broad, and does not provide enough specifics, including about how it can be implemented, monitored, and enforced. House Bill 135 also does not address questions about the safety and security of autonomous vehicles. In passing the bill, the General Assembly did not seek input from the Kentucky State Police or involve the law enforcement agency to address its concerns about the bill's impact on public safety. Additionally, House Bill 135 failed in the correct legislative committee, only to be moved to and rushed through another committee on the next to last day of the Regular Session in order to reach passage. Other states that have passed provisions for fully autonomous vehicles have done so after careful study and consideration, and with extensive testing periods that require a licensed human being to be behind the wheel.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 135.

This, the 10th day of April, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Beshear".

Andy Beshear
Governor