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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 7 OF THE 2024 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 7 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 7 is broad legislation authorizing the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on the highways and roads of this Commonwealth. The bill, however, does not fully address questions about the safety and security of autonomous vehicles, nor does it implement a testing period that would require a licensed human driver to be behind the wheel. Opening Kentucky's highways and roads to fully autonomous vehicles should occur only after careful study and consideration and an extensive testing period with a licensed human being behind the wheel, which is what other states have done before passing such laws.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 7.

This, the 5th day of April, 2024.


Andy Beshear
Governor

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