

# Reps. Kuglitsch, Neylon: Appointed to Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee

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Madison — Today State Representatives Mike Kuglitsch (R-New Berlin) and Adam Neylon (R-Pewaukee) issued the following statement in response to being appointed to serve on Governor Walker's Autonomous Vehicle Steering Committee:

**Rep. Kuglitsch:** "I am grateful to be selected to represent the Assembly, alongside my colleague Representative Adam Neylon, on Governor Walker's Steering Committee on Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve on this committee, as I believe it is a great first step towards unprecedented economic development that this state has never seen before. While this is certainly an opportunity to show Wisconsin as a leader both in technology and economically, I believe the primary focus of this committee should be to ensure the safety of Wisconsin citizens when it comes to self-driving vehicles.

"I believe it is our job as legislators to allow innovation and emerging technologies to prosper and to be welcome in our state. I commend the Governor for his leadership in putting this committee together in order to allow such innovation to take place here in Wisconsin."

**Rep. Neylon:** "First and foremost, I will use my position on the Steering Committee to prioritize safety for Wisconsin citizens because this technology has the potential to save thousands of lives. This is the dawn of a new era in transportation

technology, and we should embrace it. With that said, safety is not the only benefit of autonomous vehicle technology; I believe people who commute to work will soon be able to make their time in transit productive, especially those with longer drive times.

“It is time to signal to the rest of the country, indeed, the world, that Wisconsin is the place to bring your ideas, your innovations, and your industry.”