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I recognize the important role that event data recorders play in improving vehicle safety, crash investigation, and roadway research. Accurate crash data can help regulators and manufacturers better understand real-world conditions and design safer vehicles. However, as a consumer, I believe it is equally important that expanded or revised data recording requirements be accompanied by clear and robust privacy protections.

Event data recorders collect detailed information about driver behavior during a crash, including speed, braking, and restraint use. While this data may not be continuously recorded, it is still sensitive and can have significant implications for vehicle owners if accessed or used improperly. Consumers deserve transparency regarding what data is collected, who may access it, and under what circumstances it can be shared.

As NHTSA considers adjustments to compliance timelines and technical requirements for event data recorders, I encourage the agency to also emphasize safeguards that protect consumer privacy. This includes clear limits on third-party access, strong data security standards, and accessible disclosures that help vehicle owners understand their rights related to EDR data. Balancing safety innovation with consumer trust is essential to maintaining public confidence in vehicle technology and federal safety regulations.

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