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## Looking Forward to Driverless Cars

Growing old in America has always been very different from other parts of the world. Our country grew up in an unprecedented time of vast distances and new means of transportation. Thanks to the early railroads, products and people could move thousands of miles in a matter of days. The automobile and interstate highways, air transportation and the mobile nature of jobs exploded our cities outward into suburbs and communities with open space and large lots. Technology has further reduced the need to cluster business, industries, and employees in narrow geographic regions, dispersing populations over ever wider expanses.

But, all this distance has also made aging in one's home more difficult. Often the defining moment when one is no longer able to live independently is the loss of the ability to drive. Leaving home becomes dependent on others and with that dependency comes added costs, inconvenience, and the loss of spontaneity.

Which is why the development of driverless cars opens the potential to age in one's home without being stranded; to continue favorite activities and social interaction, with the simple words, "Home, car." Yes, it's new technology and a new instruction manual to read, but what a pleasure to think there may be one less worry to look forward to in retirement!

So, bring on those driverless cars Alphabet, Apple, Tesla, GM and the 44+ corporations that are actively involved in developing autonomous driving concepts.

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