Uber is partnering with the University of Arizona to work with the university's National Science Foundation (NSF) Industry/University Cooperative Research Center on mapping and driverless vehicles.

"This is about economic development, innovation and the state employs several hundred people," Ducey said. "We want the new partnership between a new company and the universities here to drive the economy, and the state should be helping it, not hindering it.

"This is that type of development that will lead to new jobs for Arizona residents and new opportunities in the technology fields."