

November 21, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
US Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
US Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

We write today to urge you to take swift and decisive action to promote responsible artificial intelligence (AI) during the last two months of the 118th Congress.

Scientists, business leaders, and bipartisan majorities of the American public agree that the federal government must take action to ensure that this innovative technology remains safe for public use. Without the appropriate legislative framework, our country will face an increasingly severe threat from AI-powered fraud, hacking, terrorism, bioweapons, and the possibility of misaligned autonomous AI agents.

Congress has already taken important steps toward addressing these risks:

- The **CREATE AI Act** (S 2714 & HR 5077), which has passed committees in both the House and Senate, would support researchers with the computing power needed to analyze new AI models and understand their risks.
- The **Future of Artificial Intelligence Innovation Act** (S 4178), which was recommended by the Senate Commerce Committee, and its House counterpart, the **AI Advancement and Reliability Act** (HR 9497), which was recommended by the House Science Committee, would secure long-term support for NIST's leadership on the science of responsible AI development.
- The **PREPARED for AI Act** (S 4495) and its House counterpart, the **Federal AI Governance and Transparency Act** (HR 7532), have each been recommended by their respective committees, and would ensure that the federal government properly evaluates and manages the risks posed by its own use of AI.

Now it is the duty of Congress to move these bills across the finish line so that they will have their intended impact on public safety and national security.

The next Congress will have a tremendous amount of work to do to cope with the rapid advance of AI capabilities. It will have to consider how to protect underage victims of deepfake pornography, how to secure the nuclear arsenal against unreliable AI systems, how to retrain workers whose jobs are threatened or eliminated by AI-powered automation, and how to counter China's attempts to bypass export controls by smuggling or renting chips from America's data centers.

To put the 119th Congress in a strong position to tackle that heavy workload, it is essential that the 118th Congress end on a strong note. We urge Congress to complete its work on the bipartisan responsible AI bills that have already been reported favorably by the committees of jurisdiction. We can and must tackle these problems together.

Sincerely,

The Center for AI Policy
Encode Justice
Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)
Government Information Watch
Americans for Responsible Innovation
Media Freedom Foundation/Project Censored
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Open Markets Institute
Global Shield
Alliance for Trust in AI
Future of Life Institute

Cc:

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
House Committee On Oversight and Accountability