

March 3, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write as state lawmakers who strongly support your Administration's commitment to American leadership in artificial intelligence. We appreciate the work the White House has done to advance the AI Action Plan and to ensure that the United States remains the global leader in innovation while protecting our citizens from emerging risks. At the same time, we are deeply concerned by the work of officials seeking to pressure lawmakers in Utah and other states to abandon legislation aimed at mitigating risks at leading AI labs and safeguarding constituents, including young people, from AI's worst harms.<sup>1,2</sup> We firmly believe state-led efforts are fully consistent with conservative principles and with your stated goals of promoting human flourishing while accelerating innovation.<sup>3</sup>

Our constituents expect us to respond to real and growing harms associated with fast-moving AI systems. Parents are worried about the exposure of young people to deepfake content and manipulative design practices. Consumers want clarity when they are interacting with AI systems rather than human beings. Communities are concerned about the rapid buildout of data centers on local land. State legislation addressing transparency, youth safeguards, and other AI risks is designed to respond to these concrete concerns in a targeted and pragmatic way.

This is a matter of federalism. States have long served as laboratories of democracy, piloting policy solutions that can inform national frameworks. Efforts to freeze state policymaking in this area, or to discourage the enactment of duly considered laws, risk infringing on states' rights and undermining a core constitutional principle that conservatives have long defended. Respect for federalism does not weaken national leadership. It strengthens it by allowing innovation at the most responsible and accountable levels of governance alongside innovation in technology.

We understand and appreciate the Administration's interest in preventing inconsistent regulations. We are ready partners in working with federal officials to promote consistency and clarity where appropriate. However, recent attempts to halt state AI legislation suggest not merely a desire for coordination, but an effort to prevent the passage of measures holding the

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<sup>1</sup> Carl Campanile and Ryan King. [Trump opposes AI safety bill in Utah after admin's 'One Rulebook' policy](#). New York Post. February 16, 2026.

<sup>2</sup> Mitchell, Elizabeth. [White House Takes Stand Against DeSantis AI Bill](#). Daily Signal. February 23, 2026.

<sup>3</sup> The White House. [Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence](#). January 23, 2025.

tech industry accountable. That approach would leave states unable to respond to emerging harms and would limit our ability to fulfill our responsibilities to the people we represent.

We remain committed to working constructively with your Administration to craft smart, pro-innovation, pro-family AI policies that reflect both national priorities and state-level realities. We respectfully urge the White House to discontinue efforts to block state AI laws, including those advanced by Republican legislatures, and instead engage with us as partners in shaping a framework that protects Americans and strengthens U.S. leadership.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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Representative Scott Stadthagen, Alabama House of Representatives

Representative Selina Bliss, Arizona House of Representatives

Representative James Taylor, Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Cameron Cooper, Arkansas House of Representatives

Representative Todd Jones, Georgia House of Representatives

Representative Elaine Price, Idaho House of Representatives

Representative Brett Barker, Iowa House of Representatives

Senator Dennis Guth, Iowa Senate

Representative Jeff Shipley, Iowa House of Representatives

Senator Jeff Taylor, Iowa Senate

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Senator Lindsey Tichenor, Kentucky Senate

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