

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

We greatly appreciate the Administration's efforts to advance artificial intelligence (AI) systems in an innovative and safe manner. However, the federal government's new framework for reviewing frontier AI systems must be public and should be developed in a transparent manner. As advocates for AI policy benefiting the American public and strengthening U.S. innovation, we write today to urge the Administration to publicly release the voluntary AI framework supporting the [White House's June 2 Executive Order](#).

Implementing a confidential process where the federal government obtains priority access to frontier AI models, technology with exponential power, raises serious questions about public accountability and transparency. Although there may be legitimate reasons to withhold some portions for the sake of confidentiality or national security where it's necessary, the government has an unequivocal duty to disclose information about the framework's standards, requirements, structure, and operational details.

The government has a fundamental responsibility to share the parameters of the process for reviewing frontier AI models prior to wider deployment. Through this framework, the federal government will obtain initial access and visibility into the most transformative technologies we have ever seen. There rests the power to deny or restrict access for the general public.

Not only does a confidential framework threaten to erode public trust in the Administration's oversight of advanced AI, but it also disadvantages the work of smaller and open-source labs. A framework shared only with the largest AI companies may unduly influence market structure, enable regulatory capture, and entrench the use of models created by the largest AI labs.

As Congress considers how to move forward with AI regulation, it is all the more important that policymakers have full access to the Administration's framework as they work to codify guardrails on frontier AI. The Administration has an opportunity to help lead the conversation on AI policy happening now in Congress, but only by transparently sharing its own vision for AI oversight.

As a mechanism to review frontier AI models, it is essential that public oversight of the government exists. This premise sits at the heart of our democratic system. A lack of accountability over the governance of a technology that is becoming more critical to our nation would be inconsistent with

democratic values and likely lead to a loss of public trust. With more public discourse we can ensure the government is successful in its goal to maintain its lead over China in the AI race and to advance innovative and safe AI frontier models.

We appreciate your leadership on artificial intelligence and kindly appreciate your consideration of these considerations.

Sincerely,

**Americans for Responsible Innovation
Center for Democracy and Technology**

Advocacy for Principled Action in Government

The Alliance for Secure AI

Americans for Prosperity

Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network

Center for American Progress

Center for Oil & Gas Organizing

Common Cause

Consumer Federation of America

Demand Progress

Design It For Us

Fight for the Future

Free Press Action

Government Information Watch

Inclusive Abundance Action

National Consumers League

National Fair Housing Alliance

NAVA (National Association of Voice Actors)

New America's Open Technology Institute

Project On Government Oversight

Public Citizen

Public Good Group

Public Knowledge

Restore The Fourth - Action

R Street Institute

The Tech Oversight Project

X-Lab

Cc: The Honorable Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce

The Honorable Sean Cairncross, Director, Office of the National Cyber Director

The Honorable Michael Kratsios, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy

The Honorable John Thune, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader