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The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Chair  
U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and  
Technology  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chair Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren,

On behalf of the members of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), I write to urge the Committee to prioritize advancing legislation that promotes U.S. leadership in the development of artificial intelligence (AI) during the upcoming September work period. ITI represents the United States' and the world's leading information and communications technology companies. Our members touch every part of the AI ecosystem – designing and manufacturing the chips powering AI systems, building and maintaining AI infrastructure at data centers and on the cloud, and developing and deploying consumer-facing, business-to-business, and government-focused AI solutions.

We applaud the Committee for teeing up bipartisan action on legislation that supports a pro-innovation landscape for AI development. ITI is pleased to offer our endorsement of the following bills that are of critical importance to continued U.S. leadership and investment in AI:

- **H.R. 5077, the CREATE AI Act (Eshoo-McCaul-Beyer-Oberholte)**: ITI strongly supports codifying the National AI Research Resource (NAIRR) at the National Science Foundation. This shared national research infrastructure will help support access to the compute resources needed to develop responsible AI, benefiting researchers and academia, and addressing a barrier to entry for small and medium size businesses. Industry is already stepping up to the plate as part of the NAIRR pilot program and the work underway at NSF deserves the greater certainty afforded by this authorization.
- **AI Advancement and Reliability Act (Lofgren-Lucas)**: This bipartisan legislation authorizes the Center for AI Advancement and Reliability, a multistakeholder partnership that would lead the federal government's efforts, in partnership with industry stakeholders, in supporting AI safety and trust initiatives, especially on research that examines red-team scenarios and any evaluates technical standards for AI safety and resiliency. We appreciate the sponsors' work to strengthen the bill's support for collaboration and harmonization with international AI institutes.
- **H.R. 9215, the Workforce for AI Trust Act (Lofgren-Lucas)**: In order for AI technology to achieve its full promise, we must equip tomorrow's workforce with opportunities to develop AI-centered skills. The next generation of talent will require professional and academic experiences that expose them to AI research and development, and NSF and NIST are perfectly positioned to support such efforts.
- **H.R. 9402, NSF AI Education Act (Fong-Salinas)**: Establishing Centers of AI Excellence at community colleges and directing resources to help students apply AI to fields including agriculture, education, and advanced manufacturing will extend AI education and research that prepare tomorrow's workforce to harness the full benefits of AI. The NSF AI Education Act of 2024 will help the U.S. achieve this important goal by bolstering education resources and science-driven research.

- **H.R. 9211, the LIFT AI Act (Kean-Amo)**: AI digital literacy skills will be essential to help build experts hoping to pursue STEM-focused careers in AI research and development. Furthermore, digital literacy will serve as another element in increasing public trust, particularly with consumers that may be unfamiliar with AI functions, limitations and other related disciplines.
- **AI Development Practices Act (Baird-Lieu)**: This bill would find practical ways for AI providers to partner with NIST and catalog emerging practices for communicating characteristics of AI systems, including their transparency, robustness, safety, and usability. ITI supports this legislation that continues and expands NIST's important work impacting AI development and multistakeholder partnerships.
- **H.R. 9197, Small Business AI Advancement Act (Collins-Stevens)**: Small businesses are an essential stakeholder to help support the future development of responsible AI technologies. Without the input from small business owners, technology companies would likely fall short in understanding how AI can fill enterprise-level gaps and customer needs.
- **H.R.9403, Expanding AI Voices Act (Foushee-Lucas)**: The technology sector partners with Historically Black Colleges & Universities, Tribal Colleges & Universities, Minority Serving Institutions, Rural Serving Institutions, and community colleges across the United States because a diverse and equipped workforce is key to maintaining America's competitive advantage in developing cutting-edge technologies, including AI. ITI looks forward to continuing to work with government and academia to expand participation in AI and tech fields from historically underrepresented populations.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and for your work to reinforce the United States as the global leader in AI innovation. We hope Congress will seize this historic opportunity to advance meaningful legislation to enhance U.S. competitiveness and stand ready to work with you to further this important effort.

Sincerely,



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