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Thank you, Chairman Obernolte, and Ranking Member Stevens, as well as Full Committee Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren, for inviting me to speak to you today about the President's AI policies.

Last July, the Trump Administration released "Winning the Race: America's A.I. Action Plan," outlining a strategy to maintain global leadership in AI based on three pillars: Innovation, Infrastructure, and International Partnerships. Over the last six months, the Administration has moved from strategy to execution, as I and my team at The White House coordinate implementation milestones across the federal government.

I am excited to highlight where we stand now in executing this playbook, but first let me thank the members of this committee for all that you have done for American AI. As my office coordinates the administration's implementation of the AI Action Plan, I see many opportunities for collaboration with this committee and the Congress. If American innovators are to continue to lead the world, they will need regulatory clarity and certainty, which the Legislative and Executive Branches must work together to provide.

The Action Plan focuses on three main priorities for the U.S. government: removing barriers to innovation, securing energy dominance, and exporting our technology to our partners around the world. In the past six months, we have seen tremendous progress in all of these areas.

In Innovation, with the release of our request for information concerning regulatory reform on artificial intelligence late last September, we are working with industry and the American people to relieve innovators of undue regulatory burdens and to formulate policy frameworks that safeguard the public interest while enabling further revolutionary developments.

I am particularly excited about the innovative potential of the Genesis Mission and AI for science. With the signing of that executive order, President Trump has mobilized the largest federal scientific effort since the Apollo Program. By fusing massive federal datasets with advanced supercomputing capabilities, Genesis will help America's scientists automate experiment design, accelerate simulations, and generate predictive models for everything from medicine and energy to materials and agriculture.

In Infrastructure, of course, the administration's efforts to clear away red tape and facilitate AI construction have been enormously successful. But I am especially excited about the energy capacity American industry is building, both to power the AI revolution and all the other incredible technologies this new age of discovery will unlock. President Trump and the Department of Energy are committed to accelerating and enhancing the growth of American nuclear power, creating space to experiment, facilitating small modular reactor buildout, and continuing the pursuit of fusion energy.

In International Partnerships and AI diplomacy, we continue to push back against global AI governance at the U.N., G7, APEC, and other forums, and to defend great American companies from foreign nations' stifling regulatory regimes. I am particularly excited about the American AI Export Program. As the Commerce and State Departments roll that out, there will soon be a Request for Proposals shared with industry, and a formal launch of the program in the coming

months. Our goal is for U.S. companies to provide modular AI stack packages that empower countries to develop sovereign AI capabilities with American technology.

The Action Plan is a giant leap forward, furthering first steps President Trump took for American AI dominance in his first term. With the call for this plan in his first week back in office, the President recommitted himself, and the country, to U.S. AI leadership. The need for renewed effort was clear. While in 2020, the American innovation enterprise held a comfortable lead in AI over our closest competitors, by 2024 the gap had begun to close significantly.

But with his Golden Age vision of scientific rigor and technological progress, President Trump has restored a spirit of confidence to our innovation enterprise. We are approaching AI not with fear, but with responsible boldness.

Looking ahead, there is still so much to be done working together. As our innovators continue to find novel applications of AI technology to everyday life, we can ensure they benefit all Americans through small business training, workforce development, and AI education. I'm proud to say more than 250 companies have signed the First Lady's Pledge to America's Youth, committing hundreds of millions of dollars to investing in AI education. And I just returned from the Consumer Electronics Show, where there is obvious excitement about American AI, but also about what's ahead in quantum information science.

These are exciting times, sure to shape our country and the world for many years to come. Thank you all for your leadership.