



September 11, 2024

Chairman Frank Lucas  
Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren  
Representative Tom Kean  
Representative Gabe Amo  
Science, Space and Technology Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Lucas, Ranking Member Lofgren, Representative Kean and Representative Amo,

As you and your colleagues take on the task of considering a number of bills that deal with artificial intelligence (AI) education, Code.org applauds your efforts. We, and many like-minded organizations, are heartened by a number of proposals you are considering, including the bipartisan LIFT AI Act. This critical legislation marks an important step toward expanding access to computer science and artificial intelligence (AI) education in K-12 schools across the United States. We look forward to expedient enactment.

As the demand for AI and other technological advancements continues to grow, it is essential that we prepare the next generation with the skills necessary to thrive in the 21st-century workforce. The LIFT AI Act addresses this need by fostering opportunities for students from all backgrounds to engage with computer science and AI from an early age. By equipping students with these foundational skills, we can help close the digital divide, ensure economic competitiveness, and promote innovation on a global scale.

Code.org is dedicated to advancing computer science and AI education, and we have seen firsthand the profound impact these subjects can have on students' futures. The inclusion of AI in K-12 curricula will not only help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, but it will also foster creativity, ethical reasoning, and a better understanding of the societal implications of new technologies.

We commend your commitment to supporting this vital initiative and hope to collaborate with you to ensure the successful enactment and implementation of the LIFT AI Act. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to expand educational opportunities in computer science and AI, and for championing the future of our students and our nation.

Sincerely,

Pat Yongpradit  
Chief Academic Officer, Code.org

## **H.R. 9211, the LIFT AI Act**

"Supporting the bipartisan LIFT AI Act is critical to ensuring that every student in America has the opportunity to understand and shape the future. By prioritizing the teaching of computer science and artificial intelligence in K-12 schools, we not only equip students with essential skills for tomorrow's workforce but also empower them to be ethical creators and informed citizens in an AI-driven world."

**- Pat Yongpradit, Chief Academic Officer of Code.org.**