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

We write to urge you to strike the Budget Reconciliation provision that would put a moratorium on the enforcement of state artificial intelligence (AI) legislation for the next ten years. The provision, which has faced widespread backlash from state legislatures and Attorneys General, civil society, and the public, was greenlit by the parliamentarian after being rewritten to be tied to broadband funding. As it stands, this provision would wipe out virtually all existing and future state AI laws, giving AI companies exactly what they want: no rules, no accountability, and total control. As organizations working on the frontline of the consequences of AI development with no guardrails, we know what this would mean for our children.

As written, the provision is so broad it would block states from enacting and enforcing any AI-specific protections, including measures addressing hyper-sexualized AI companions, social media recommendation algorithms, protections for whistleblowers, and more. The exceptions written into the draft only cover laws that are “generally applicable” or “narrowly tailored” to streamlining AI development, a combination that would enable only a small fraction, if any, of proposed and enacted state laws to survive and continue to block any AI-specific safety measures. It ties lawmakers’ hands for a decade, sidelining policymakers and leaving families on their own as they face risks and harms that emerge with this fast-evolving technology in the years to come.

Despite amendments made limiting moratorium compliance to the new funding, as written, NTIA retains broad authority to de-obligate initial BEAD allocations should a state accepting

any funds from the \$500 million tranche not comply with the moratorium. For a decade, the vague definitions of what technologies are covered could create a chilling effect as states seek to remain in compliance with the provision, discouraging action on broader technology issues out of fear that it would lead to a de-obligation of existing BEAD funds.

Historically, states have served as the laboratories of democracy, tailoring guardrails and protections to their residents' unique needs. A blanket moratorium on the enforcement of state legislation would upend well-established principles of federalism. States are well-positioned to adapt to the rapid speed of AI development with protections that their consumers need while allowing for innovation to flourish.

In just the last few years we have seen AI drive an explosion of deep fake pornography in our communities, draw children into toxic relationships with AI companions, and super-charge the recommendation algorithms driving a generational mental health crisis. Just last year [15%](#) of high school students — representing millions of kids — reported knowing a classmate who had been victimized by AI-generated image based sexual abuse. AI companion applications are [pushing sexual content](#) on children and [encouraging them to self-harm](#). Recent reports have found that industry efforts to protect children on [AI companion applications are easily circumvented](#). AI-driven content recommendation systems are [feeding videos](#) about eating disorders and self-harm to users.

AI offers great benefits for work, education, science, the economy and so much more, but it cannot be denied that we are already seeing an explosion of online harms - not just to kids, but for scammers targeting the elderly, deep fakes targeting creators, etc. The last decade of social media has shown us what happens when we wait to act on new technologies. We, the undersigned organizations, call on you to vote to strike the moratorium on the enforcement of AI regulation in the budget reconciliation text. It is irresponsible and short sighted to tie the hands of state legislators in the face of federal inaction.

Sincerely,

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Fairplay

Common Sense Media

Young People's Alliance

35 Mile Foundation

3Strands Global Foundation

AASA, The School Superintendents Association

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ANew Life International

Accountable Tech  
Alexander Neville Foundation  
All Girls Allowed, Inc.  
Alliance to End Human Trafficking  
Alternative Solutions  
American Association for Justice  
American Psychological Association Services, Inc.  
Becca Schmill Foundation  
Better Tech Project  
Brave Movement  
Breaking Generational Cycles (JDPB4LIFE)  
Buckets Over Bullying  
Carly Ryan Foundation  
Center for Arizona Policy  
Center for Digital Democracy  
Center for Family and Human Rights (C-Fam)Lisa Correnti  
Center for Humane Technology  
Chains Interrupted  
Check My Ads Institute  
Child Safety Advocate  
ChildFund International  
Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law  
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)  
Consumer Action  
Consumer Federation of America  
David's Legacy Foundation  
Dear Christian Parent Substack  
Defend Young Minds  
Design It For Us  
Devin J Norring Foundation  
Digital Childhood Alliance  
EdTech Law Center  
Emmy's Champions  
Engage Together  
Enough Is Enough  
Esperanza Events & Consulting LLC  
FDOH  
Four Norms  
General Federation of Women's Clubs  
Global Hope 365

Grace McComas Memorial  
Guided Purposes LLC  
Hach Rose Schirripa & Cheverie LLP  
Harbour Hope International  
Heat Initiative  
Help Now of Osceola  
Institute for Family Studies  
Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking  
Issue One  
Joint Family  
Just Love Worldwide  
Link Oregon (Oregon Fiber Partnership)  
LiveMore ScreenLess  
Love Never Fails  
Lynn's Warriors  
MAMA ( Mothers Against Media Addiction)  
Marsh law firm  
Mathew E. Minor Awareness Foundation  
Mental Health America  
Mentari  
Minnesota Family Council  
NAACP  
NC Stop Human Trafficking  
NH Traffick Free Coalition  
NTEN  
Nathan Project  
National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)  
National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC)  
National center for victims of crime  
New Friends New Life  
Northeastern University  
Oakland Privacy  
On our Own 2 Feet  
Organization for Social Media Safety  
Paradigm Shift Training and Consulting  
Parent Coalition for Student Privacy  
Parents Who Fight  
ParentsSOS  
ParentsTogether Action  
Paving the Way Foundation

Porn Free Colorado  
Project Liberty  
Project STAND  
Prostitution Research & Education  
Protect Young Eyes  
Public Citizen  
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)  
Raven  
ReHope  
Resiliency Foundation  
Rights4Girls  
Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council  
Schools Beyond Screens  
Scrolling 2 Death  
Seventh Planet  
Sexual Violence Prevention Association  
Shared Hope International  
Shield North Carolina  
Sierra Cares Foundation  
Smartphone Free Childhood US  
Social Psychologist and Author  
Southwest FL Coalition Against Human Trafficking  
Speaking of Social  
Street Grace  
Survivor Leader Network of San Diego  
TJP Advocacy  
Tech Justice Law Project  
Tech Oversight California  
Tech-Safe Learning Coalition (TLC)  
The American Youth Association  
The Anxious Generation Movement  
The Darling Princess  
The Haba Law Firm, P.A.  
The National Digital Inclusion Alliance  
The Soaring Center  
The Social Media Victims Law Center  
The Stop Trafficking Project  
The Tech Oversight Project  
Thorn  
Together for Girls

Traffick Refuge  
Transparency Coalition  
Turning Life On  
United Abolitionists, Inc.  
Walk Her Home  
Watchmen Action  
Women Graduates-USA Inc.  
World Without Exploitation  
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