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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

To Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate:

We write today in opposition to the three-year preemption of certain state artificial intelligence (AI) laws proposed in the Great American AI Act (GAAIA). As state lawmakers, we take seriously our responsibility to safeguard our constituents from AI harms to children, workers, artists and creators, families, and consumers. GAAIA's broad preemption provisions would freeze a sweeping set of state laws and tie the hands of lawmakers at a moment of rapid technological transformation.

As AI advances, American voters are increasingly concerned about the lack of safeguards around this new technology. Parents are struggling to keep children safe from AI chatbots that recommend violence and self-harm. Artists and creators increasingly face the threat of AI stealing their work. Local communities are outraged by the rapid development of data centers that has sidelined public input and strained our energy grid. Consumers increasingly face the threat of AI models that violate their privacy and pose new cyber risks.

In the face of such fast-moving technology, state lawmakers have a critical role to play in protecting our communities. At its core, our system of government protects the ability of states to act as laboratories of democracy, responsive to constituent concerns. Freezing the ability of state lawmakers to address AI harms fundamentally violates that principle at a moment of uncertainty and new risks for the communities that we represent.

GAAIA's preemption provision promises to override state AI laws related to the development of any AI model without implementing a federal framework to replace current state protections. Such a sweeping category of laws would include measures addressing the AI models trained on copyrighted works or child abuse content, legislation ensuring that AI is not developed in a way that discriminates against workers or homebuyers, and state bills that protect the privacy of consumers. Not only is the provision extremely broad as written, but the tech industry will almost certainly weaponize such a provision in court to strike down state measures not intended to fall within the scope of GAAIA.

For years, state lawmakers have worked tirelessly to address the risks and harms of social media created by Big Tech companies. The lessons of the social media era are clear: allowing Silicon

Valley to write its own rulebook leaves industry unaccountable and leaves American families vulnerable to AI's dangers.

We appreciate congressional engagement on AI and stand ready to collaborate on thoughtful national policy. But we respectfully urge you to reject GAAIA's preemption proposal overriding state AI legislation and to support the development of, rather than the dismantling of, responsible AI policy.

Thank you for your commitment to transparent, responsive, and democratic governance.

Sincerely,

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