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To:

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders
U.S. Sen. Peter Welch
U.S. Rep. Becca Balint

From:

VT Rep. Kathleen James
VT Rep. Scott Campbell
VT Rep. Laura Sibilila
VT Rep. Michael Marcotte
VT Rep. Edye Graning
VT Rep. Kirk White
VT Rep. Monique Priestley

Dear Senator Sanders, Senator Welch and Congresswoman Balint,

As the leadership teams of the Vermont House Energy and Digital Infrastructure and House Commerce and Economic Development Committees, we're writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed 10-year federal moratorium on state artificial intelligence (AI) legislation included in the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee's reconciliation measure.

We urge you to oppose this provision and work to ensure it is removed from any final legislation.

Vermont has worked closely with each of you in recent years to oppose inappropriate federal preemption efforts, particularly those related to the deployment of broadband infrastructure. We appreciate your past support for preserving state and local roles in shaping responsible technology deployment. However, this proposed AI moratorium presents a possibly more urgent threat to the state's consumer protection authority.

A federal prohibition on state regulation or enforcement of AI-related policies would severely undermine Vermont's ability to govern issues that touch nearly every aspect of our economy and society. From managing data center siting and energy consumption to protecting individual privacy, preventing fraud and safeguarding critical infrastructure,

the impacts of AI are already being felt in our communities. States must retain the ability to respond to these developments in ways that reflect local priorities and conditions.

States have long been innovators and first responders in technology governance. Vermont stands ready to continue working with federal partners on thoughtful and coordinated AI policy—but not at the expense of democratic accountability and local self-determination. Thank you for your continued leadership and for standing with Vermont and other states in defense of our constitutional role.

Sincerely,

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