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Dear Acting Director Andersen, Acting Attorney General Blanche, Chair Broussard, and Secretary Mullen:

We write today to urge the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (“CISA”), Department of Justice (“DOJ”), Federal Election Commission (“FEC”), and Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to work together to safeguard the 2026 midterm elections from risks posed by artificial intelligence (“AI”). As millions of Americans rely on AI-driven tools to research the upcoming election, the accuracy and neutrality of these tools are now directly tied to the integrity of our democratic process.

Following the 2024 election cycle, research found that leading AI models routinely returned inaccurate or incomplete answers to basic voters' questions.¹ More than one-third of AI model responses were rated as harmful or incomplete, and 13% were rated as biased.² That's far too many inconsistencies in our elections.

Additionally, AI models consistently pull data from opinion websites, like Reddit, Wikipedia, YouTube, and Yelp. These sources present an environment filled with unverified information, where anyone with an opinion can shape the narrative.³ By relying on this information, systems

¹ <https://www.ias.edu/news/ai-chatbots-found-inaccurate-answering-voter-queries>

² Id.

³ <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/ranked-the-most-cited-websites-by-ai-models/>

cannot reasonably present a full picture of unbiased information to voters.

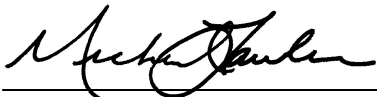
Earlier this spring, we wrote to companies with large presences in the AI space, including OpenAI, Google, Microsoft, Anthropic, and more, expressing deep concern and requesting information on their efforts to combat these known biases. In their responses, these companies acknowledged both the progress they made and the limits of voluntary safeguards in addressing political bias and misinformation. Their responses made clear that, while industry can improve transparency and curb certain abuses, the scale and speed of AI-driven information demands a more coordinated public response.

Providing voters with accurate, neutral, and verifiable information is not optional, but a democratic imperative. For two hundred and fifty years, the American experiment has rested on a simple but powerful idea: that free people, when given the facts, can be trusted to choose their own path. Today, the way our fellow citizens receive those facts is changing rapidly. As we approach the midterms, this transformation must not undermine the public's confidence in the democratic process.

With the midterm elections just a few months away, we urge your agencies to coordinate to ensure the U.S. is prepared for AI-driven threats to election integrity, including the development and deployment of appropriate monitoring and mitigation capabilities. We also urge you to deepen engagement with major AI companies to understand their safeguard protocols, testing practices, and mechanisms for identifying political bias, misinformation, or model vulnerabilities that could affect voters.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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