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STATEMENT ON THE NATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2020 (H.R. 6216)

The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) strongly supports the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020. AAAI is the leading professional association of AI researchers and practitioners, with over 200 elected Fellows and 6,000 members across the globe. In a recent study co-sponsored by AAAI, a group of leading AI researchers identified the need for the US to establish a National AI Research infrastructure. The National Artificial Intelligence Act provides the right framework to do so while also maintaining AI research excellence in the US. Recent breakthroughs in AI have dramatically accelerated the field and have expanded the opportunities for AI to contribute significantly to our society, in areas such as science, education, healthcare, and business. However, considerable research remains to be done to maximize the benefits of AI, especially to do so without compromising safety and ethics. AAAI believes the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act will enable a substantial leap in AI technology while addressing major societal needs on a national scale.

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