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<u>Congressman Lipinski Statement for the Record for Member Day</u>

Thank you Chair Johnson for organizing this important Member day event to get Members' input on their Science, Space, and Technology priorities. I appreciate the opportunity for SST Members to work with the Committee on their priorities. While I have many priorities in this area, I wanted to highlight one today, growing and coordinating federal Artificial Intelligence research. My Congressional district, Illinois' 3rd, is home to Argonne National Laboratory, which is currently building one of the fastest, if not the fastest, supercomputers in the world. Additionally, my district benefits from access to the many universities in the northern Illinois region, many of which contain artificial intelligence expertise. I often hear from my constituents and our neighbors throughout the state of Illinois about how artificial intelligence is already used to do wonderful things like improve weather forecasting and design drugs. However, I also hear a lot of fear from my constituents; fear that they don't have requisite skills to keep up with rapid AI advancements in the workplace, or that devices using AI developed offshore may have malicious intent.

We are already in a global race to build effective AI, and we need a long term, coordinated plan with committed resources to retain U.S. leadership. This is why I've already introduced H.R. 2202, the Growing Artificial Intelligence Through Research Act, which would improve federal coordination and fortify AI research, infrastructure, and education through NIST, DOE, and NSF.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Committee to further develop AI legislation to meet this challenge.

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