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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express Humane Intelligence's support for the Workforce for AI Trust Act, a critical legislative measure that addresses the urgent need for a diverse and multidisciplinary workforce capable of advancing the development and deployment of trustworthy AI systems.

As highlighted in the bill, AI systems possess immense potential for innovation and societal good. However, public trust in these systems is frequently compromised by the potential harms they can cause. Effective AI governance is essential to maximize societal benefits and mitigate risks. A key component of this governance is the development of a skilled workforce that can integrate ethical insights and technical expertise in AI system development and deployment.

Humane Intelligence is a tech nonprofit dedicated to building the community of practice for AI assessment, and democratizing the tools available to evaluate AI models. A critical component of our mission is education, and we are committed to the spirit of this Act.

At Humane Intelligence, we support and are also developing initiatives towards:

1. **Interdisciplinary Fellowships:** The creation of interdisciplinary fellowships will bridge the gap between technical research and ethical considerations, ensuring that AI systems are developed with a comprehensive understanding of their societal impacts.
2. **AI Skills-Based Training:** Expanding AI skills-based training across NSF activities, including workshops, curriculum development, and experiential learning, will equip the workforce with the necessary skills to navigate the complexities of AI technologies.
3. **Societal Perspectives:** Integrating societally relevant perspectives into AI-focused peer review panels and workshops will foster the development of AI systems that are not only technically proficient but also socially responsible.
4. **Professional Certifications:** NIST's role in developing standards and guidance for career development, education, training activities, and professional certifications will provide a robust framework for the AI governance workforce, ensuring consistent and high-quality standards across the industry.

We commend the efforts of the Workforce for AI Trust Act to address these critical needs and we are committed to supporting its implementation. By fostering a knowledgeable and ethically grounded AI workforce, we can build a future where AI systems contribute positively to society and maintain public trust. We look forward to collaborating with stakeholders across sectors to achieve the goals set forth by this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Rumman Chowdhury'.

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