

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Hearing on “The Federal Government in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”

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Statement for the Record – Chairman Comer

Today’s hearing is a critical first step in advancing an agenda to ensure the United States remains the global leader in artificial intelligence—a priority rightfully championed by President Trump. This committee, with its broad legislative jurisdiction over government operations, is uniquely positioned to help make the President’s vision a reality, and we are committed to doing just that.

AI holds immense potential to transform how the federal government serves the American people. By harnessing this technology, we can make government smaller, less costly, and more efficient while delivering better customer service to taxpayers. This committee will play a pivotal role in ensuring agencies deploy AI responsibly to drive innovation, reduce fraud, and enhance accountability. Our efforts will focus on breaking down barriers—outdated IT systems, workforce AI literacy gaps, cumbersome procurement processes, and poorly managed data—that hinder the government’s ability to fully realize AI’s benefits.

I’m proud of the bipartisan work this committee accomplished last Congress with the Federal AI Governance and Accountability Act, which I introduced with Ranking Member Raskin and laid a strong foundation for responsible AI use in government. Building on that success, it is my hope that the Committee can work in a bipartisan manner to ensure the federal government is equipped to make the most of this transformative technology.

The Trump Administration has already taken bold steps through Executive Orders and new guidance from the Office of Management and Budget to streamline agency AI adoption and procurement. We eagerly await the White House’s forthcoming AI Action Plan and will closely monitor how agencies implement these directives. All of this builds on previous bipartisan efforts by this committee, including our work that led to the AI in Government Act, signed into law by President Trump in 2020.

Our shared goal is clear: leverage this committee's jurisdiction to empower agencies to safely and responsibly use AI, modernize procurement rules to ensure innovative companies can compete in the federal marketplace, and ensure the government's data and records are AI-ready to propel innovation forward. By doing so, we will strengthen U.S. competitiveness, maintain our global leadership in AI, and deliver a government that works better for the American people.

Thank you to our witnesses for joining us today. I look forward to a productive discussion on how we can achieve these goals together.