



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, THE
INTERNET AND CYBERSECURITY

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Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity

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Dear Honorable Members of the Massachusetts Federal Delegation:

We write as members of the General Court's Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet, and Cybersecurity in strong opposition to the 10-year moratorium on enforcement of state artificial intelligence legislation currently pending before Congress.

That provision generally provides that "no State or political subdivision thereof may enforce any law or regulation regulating artificial intelligence models, artificial intelligence systems, or automated decision systems during the 10- year period beginning on the date" of the law's enactment.¹

The breath of this federal moratorium, when coupled with a lack of both federal data privacy and artificial intelligence regulations, is pre-emption at its worst. Compounding the problem is the broad defanging of federal enforcement agencies including the FTC, EEOC, and CFPB. For example, CFPB recently moved to withdraw the protections for American's data from harmful data broker practices as "not necessary or appropriate."²

States have taken the opportunity to adopt necessary data privacy and artificial intelligence regulations. If this nationwide moratorium prevents the enforcement of state artificial intelligence regulations, our constituents will become test subjects as unregulated artificial intelligence and automated decision-making systems are rolled out nationwide.

In fact, this enforcement moratorium is so broad that it raises questions if Massachusetts would even be able to enforce existing limitations on deepfake revenge porn when it is generated by an artificial intelligence system. This will also bar Massachusetts from protecting our residents from

¹ https://budget.house.gov/imo/media/doc/one_big_beautiful_bill_act_-_full_bill_text.pdf

² <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-08644.pdf>

violations of federal and state constitutional protections and tackling emerging issues like deepfake election related media.

Artificial intelligence is a transformative technology that continues to permeate across many sectors of the economy and impact many lives and livelihoods. This is not a single-sector issue, but rather one that will continue to spread and compound across the Commonwealth and the country. We all know how this ends – our constituents will pay the price for the next 10 years while companies reap the profits. No doubt when this 10-year period ends, industry will object to any regulation of their entrenched systems.

We would like to thank the delegation for your dedicated service in crafting and championing privacy-enhancing legislation that protects the rights of Americans. Your tireless efforts to elevate consumer privacy standards have made Massachusetts a leader in safeguarding our digital lives. We respectfully request that you continue to take all measures possible to oppose this moratorium so that Massachusetts can protect its residents.

Sincerely,



Senator Michael O. Moore
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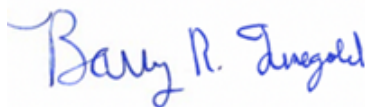
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