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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
272 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael McCaul
U.S. House of Representatives
2300 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Donald Beyer
U.S. House of Representatives
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jay Obernolte
U.S. House of Representatives
1029 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Eshoo, McCaul, Obernolte and Beyer:

As the largest recipient of federal funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and a recipient of significant federal funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, as well as serving as the management and operating contractor for three DOE national laboratories—Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos—the University of California (UC) plays a leading role in the federal government’s missions to advance basic science, global competitiveness, scientific leadership and the economy, including in artificial intelligence (AI). UC is a leader in the development of AI technologies and drives cutting-edge research shaping this rapidly growing field. AI shows tremendous promise for health care, national security, agriculture, transportation and education. Advances in AI research have the capacity to solve societal challenges in the U.S. and on the global scale.

UC strongly endorses the Creating Resources for Every American to Experiment with Artificial Intelligence Act of 2023 or CREATE AI. Recognizing the importance of advancing this area of research, UC appreciates your leadership introducing and championing this legislation. The bill’s proposed investments will ensure that groundbreaking AI research continues to take place at our universities and national laboratories.

We urge Congress to swiftly pass the CREATE AI Act and provide the necessary appropriations to implement the program. If we can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact UC Director of Research Phil Harman at phillip.harman@ucdc.edu or (202) 974-6306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa A. Maldonado".

Theresa A. Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E.
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