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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Independent Women's Voice Supports White House National Policy Framework  
for Artificial Intelligence Legislative Recommendations**

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Speaker Johnson,

Independent Women's Voice writes to express our strong support for **the White House's National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence Legislative Recommendations** of March 20, 2026. This framework represents a thoughtful, pro-growth approach to A.I. governance to deliver significant and lasting benefits to American women—as consumers, professionals, entrepreneurs, and caregivers. Artificial intelligence is already reshaping how women work, learn, raise families, and access economic opportunity. The question before Congress is not whether to engage with A.I., but how to do so in a manner that protects fundamental rights while allowing innovation and prosperity to benefit all Americans. We believe this framework strikes the right balance and strongly urge Congress to advance legislation consistent with its recommendations.

**Protecting Children and Families: A Priority for Women**

Independent Women's Voice applauds the framework's robust prioritization of child safety online. Women are on the front lines of protecting children from the dangers of digital exploitation. The framework's call for parental controls and the application of existing safeguards against sexual exploitation and self-harm to A.I. platforms directly addresses some of the most urgent concerns of mothers.

The framework's support for the Take It Down Act— a landmark law championed by First Lady Melania Trump—directly combating non-consensual deepfake imagery is an example of how A.I. progress does not have to come at the expense of the vulnerable.

### **Economic Opportunity and Workforce Development for Women**

The framework's emphasis on A.I.-ready workforce development and expanded access to A.I. tools for small businesses is especially meaningful for women. Women now make up nearly half the American workforce and represent the majority of small business owners in many sectors. Ensuring that A.I. training is incorporated into existing apprenticeship and education programs — without onerous new regulatory mandates — will help women gain the skills needed to thrive in an A.I.-powered economy.

We also support the framework's proposal to provide A.I. resources to small businesses. For the many women entrepreneurs who operate small and micro-enterprises, access to affordable A.I. tools can mean the difference between a business that merely survives and one that grows and creates jobs in local communities.

### **A Rational Regulatory Environment Protects Women as Consumers**

Independent Women's Voice strongly supports the framework's opposition to creating new federal rulemaking bureaucracies to regulate A.I., and its preference for sector-specific oversight through existing bodies. Heavy-handed A.I. regulation has costs that fall disproportionately on everyday consumers — including women who rely on A.I.-enabled healthcare tools, financial technology, educational platforms, and retail services. A fragmented patchwork of 50 different state A.I. laws would create confusion, raise prices, and stifle the innovation that improves daily life for women and families.

### **Protecting Creative Rights & Free Speech Protections**

Women who build careers and audiences — as content creators, public figures, or professionals — deserve the right to control how their identities are used by A.I. The framework's recommendation to establish a federal framework protecting individuals from unauthorized A.I.-generated digital replicas is a critical protection that IWV strongly endorses. Such a framework must include robust protections against deepfake abuse while preserving First Amendment freedoms for satire, commentary, and news reporting.

Congress should act swiftly on this recommendation to ensure that A.I.-generated impersonation and exploitation cannot be used to harm, silence, or profit from women without their consent.

Independent Women's Voice has long championed the rights of women to participate fully in public discourse without fear of censorship or ideological suppression. We strongly support the framework's directive that Congress prevent the federal government from coercing A.I. providers to suppress lawful speech or political expression. An A.I. ecosystem that operates free from government-directed censorship is one that empowers women to engage, advocate, and be heard on the issues that matter most to them.

## Conclusion

The White House's National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence offers Congress a clear, principled, and pro-growth path forward. It protects children, empowers families, supports workers and entrepreneurs, defends civil liberties while creating the stable national framework needed for American A.I. leadership. For American women the stakes could not be higher.

Independent Women's Voice urges Congress to move promptly on legislation consistent with this framework. We stand ready to support your efforts and welcome the opportunity to engage further on any of the issues addressed.

Sincerely,



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