



September 16, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 942 - "CA AI Transparency Act"

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of Chamber of Progress – a tech industry association supporting public policies to build a more inclusive country in which all people benefit from technological leaps – I write today to respectfully **urge you to veto SB 942**, the *California AI Transparency Act*.

However well-intentioned, SB 942 bill is problematic

We support the goals of transparency and informing the public. There is an ongoing and dynamic process within the technology industry to define an industry standard for disclosure. To that end, we applaud the authors for pre-determining a standard legislatively.

Unfortunately, SB 942 requires covered entities to make available technology which simply does not exist and may never exist. The legislative definition of "artificial intelligence" is so vague that it is unclear what software products are covered. Worse, even if a covered developer could overcome this ambiguity, there is no consistent and reliable way to determine whether content is AI generated. Leading AI labs have determined this may not be possible with AI generated text; audio and visual content are significantly more complex and AI detection may be impossible.

Technology is progressing at an impressive rate, but it is highly unlikely that AI detection tools will have sufficiently advanced by the bill's implementation date of January 1, 2026.

For these reasons, **we respectfully urge you to veto SB 942**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Singleton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being more prominent than the last name "Singleton".

Robert Singleton
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Chamber of Progress