



September 8, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer,

As the inaugural AI Insight Forum approaches, we commend your strong commitment to spearheading inclusive conversations around the regulation of systems that are driven by artificial intelligence (AI). Because of your efforts, over a hundred AI stakeholders, including civil society, small business, and other private sector representatives, have been able to weigh in on the future of AI regulation in the U.S.

Earlier this year, Chamber of Progress, Engine, and the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council wrote to urge you and your colleagues to consider the unique needs of AI small businesses in the responsible evolution of AI technology.<sup>1</sup> We are pleased to note that the list of attendees for the AI Forum you are planning on September 13 includes representatives from both civil society and small businesses, a step in the right direction.

By including not only the input of major U.S. tech companies such as Meta, IBM, and Microsoft, but also equally important small businesses like Hugging Face, lawmakers such as yourself will field perspectives on how proposed regulatory regimes could stifle AI small businesses.

That said, major U.S. firms also play a pivotal role in driving the proliferation of AI technologies and creating access to AI tools for ordinary Americans. We commend your inclusion of tech companies, both big and small, in the discourse surrounding AI regulation.

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<sup>1</sup>Chamber of Progress, Engine, and the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council.  
<http://progresschamber.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Letter-to-Congressional-Leadership-Hear-from-Small-AI-Businesses.pdf>

This approach – which incorporates perspectives from both international leaders and nimble startups, as well as public interest groups – ensures a well-rounded understanding of the AI business ecosystem. The input you are gathering will help lay the policy foundation for robust competition across the entire spectrum of AI enterprises.

As we eagerly await the outcomes of the forthcoming AI Forum on September 13th, we are optimistic that the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders will culminate in legislation that not only safeguards the public interest but also nurtures a thriving and competitive AI business landscape. We applaud your foresight and leadership in advancing this critical discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Bagchi'.

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