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The Honorable Frank Lucas Chair, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology 2405 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Zoe Lofgren Ranking Member, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology 1401 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren:

On behalf of Chamber of Progress – an organization supporting public policies to build a more inclusive country in which all people benefit from technological leaps – I write today to urge you to support the *Creating Resources for Every American To Experiment with Artificial Intelligence Act of 2023 (CREATE AI Act)*. The bipartisan, bicameral CREATE AI Act would accelerate American technological leadership and promote important equity goals by advancing educational and business opportunities across the nation.

The CREATE AI Act will maintain US leadership in artificial intelligence

The United States is the global leader in artificial intelligence. However, global competitors, including China, India, and in Europe, are investing heavily in AI capacity. Congress has a critical role to play in ensuring continued American leadership.

The CREATE AI Act would create the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR) which would aggregate vital computing resources to assist academics and certain small businesses in their research and development work.

The NAIRR will promote the equitable distribution of AI opportunity

AI model development is incredibly capital intensive. As a result, only a small handful of private sector companies can afford to build the computing capacity necessary to build competitive AI models and applications. Chamber of Progress strongly supports measures that make AI development more accessible and affordable. The CREATE AI Act

presents Congress with an opportunity to do just that. This will be of particular benefit to startup entrepreneurs of color who have historically faced limited access to capital¹.

The CREATE AI Act is bipartisan, bicameral legislation that would promote US technology leadership and advance equity. For these reasons, we urge you to support the CREATE AI Act.

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¹ See e.g. <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2023/02/02/venture-capital-black-founders-plummeted.html</u>