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THE HONORABLE GAVIN NEWSOM

Dear Governor Newsom:

With its ability to bolster and expand human capability, artificial intelligence (AI) holds enormous promise for the people of California and the world. We look forward to this partnership with the State, the other public higher education segments in California, and with industry partners to ensure that California remains a leader in responsible and thoughtful implementation of this remarkable technology.

In 2021, the University of California became the first university in the nation to establish and adopt a set of recommendations to guide the ethical development and implementation of AI across our system. This included guidance on how to operationalize the principles in areas that pose the highest risk to our communities. We all still have significant work to do to ensure that AI is deployed in the service of the common good.

From the classroom to the clinic to the laboratory, the application of AI continues to rapidly evolve. AI is reshaping higher education and has tremendous promise to enrich teaching, accelerate research and discovery, and enhance economic opportunity.

We share your sentiment that there is no better state in the nation to lead the way in the AI field as California. The University of California stands ready to help you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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