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Statement from
THE CENTER FOR AI AND DIGITAL POLICY (CAIDP.ORG)
on
The Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON, DC - The Center for AI and Digital Policy welcomes the release of the *Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights*. In our report *Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values*, we identified the absence of a national AI strategy as a key challenge for the United States. We recommended that the U.S. base a national strategy on the AI Bill of Rights, first proposed by the US Office of Science and Technology Policy almost a year ago. We now welcome the publication of the OSTP report.

Merve Hickok, CAIDP Chair and founder of the AIethicist.org, said, "The *Blueprint* sets out five pillars for the governance of AI and practical guidance for implementation. The protection of fundamental rights and democratic values are key themes throughout the report. Independent evaluation, emphasized in the Blueprint, provides the foundation for effective AI accountability. We support this approach to AI regulation."

Ms. Hickok continued, "We are also pleased to see the increasing convergence of the US AI strategy with other AI policy frameworks, including the Universal Guidelines for AI, the OECD AI Principles, the G20 AI Guidelines, and the[UNESCO Recommendation on AI Ethics. AI exists in a global, networked world. We need to establish common standards to protect fundamental rights around the globe."

Marc Rotenberg, CAIDP President, said "A lot of effort has gone into the *Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights*. We appreciate the work of Dr. Nelson and the OSTP. Now we must focus on implementation. We expect that Congress will carry forward these recommendations and enact appropriate legislation. We also expect that the federal agencies will provide OSTP, Congress, and the public with regular reports on progress toward the goals set out in the Blueprint."

About CAIDP

The Center for AI and Digital Policy is a non-partisan, educational organization, incorporated in Washington, DC. The mission of CAIDP is "to promote a better society, more fair, more just —a world where technology promotes broad social inclusion based on fundamental rights, democratic institutions, and the rule of law." The work of CAIDP is made possible by a research team of more than 300 people in 60 countries.

CAIDP References to the OSTP AI Bill of Rights - caidp.org/statements/ostp/

- CAIDP, Support the OSTP AI Bill of Rights, Letter to Dr Nelson (May 18, 2022)

We are writing to you regarding the need to move forward the proposal for a Bill of Rights for the Age of Artificial Intelligence. As you wrote last year, "In the United States, some of the failings of AI may be unintentional, but they are serious and they disproportionately affect already marginalized individuals and communities. They often result from AI developers not using appropriate data sets and not auditing systems comprehensively, as well as not having diverse perspectives around the table to anticipate and fix problems before products are used . . ."

- Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values: Next Steps for the United States, Marc Rotenberg and Merve Hickok, *Council on Foreign Relations* (August 22, 2022)

We strongly support this initiative. After an extensive review of the AI policies and practices in 50 countries, we identified the AI Bill of Rights as possibly the most significant AI policy initiative in the United States. But early progress has stalled. The delay has real consequences for Americans who are subject to automated decision-making in their everyday lives, with little transparency or accountability. Foreign governments are also looking for U.S. leadership in this rapidly evolving field. Progress on the AI Bill of Rights initiative will help build trust and restore U.S. leadership.

- Marc Rotenberg and Sneha Revanur, Time to act now on AI Bill of Rights, The Hill, July 19, 2022

Behind a veneer of objectivity and neutrality, algorithms can be dangerous. At the same time, algorithms can be a force for good. New AI techniques have made dramatic advances in medical science and could also reduce the risk of biased decision making. Human-centered AI is within reach, but it requires meaningful oversight and proactive governance so we can ensure that such applications of AI are the norm.

- [CAIDP Comments to OSTP on US National AI Strategic Plan](#) (Mar. 4, 2022)

CAIDP has already endorsed the AI Bill of Rights, one of the OSTP's six policy priorities, and made specific recommendations for that initiative. . . . CAIDP also urges proceeding on a bipartisan basis. Eliminating bias, promoting fairness, ensuring accountability, and transparency for AI-based systems could also help align the political parties behind a common national purpose.

- Kisselburgh and Rotenberg, *Next Steps on the U.S. AI Bill of Rights*, The Washington Spectator (Nov. 2, 2021)

As the leading developer of AI technologies, the United States carries a unique responsibility to get this right. The President's science advisors have launched a critical initiative. Their recommendations should build on earlier work and lead to concrete outcomes.