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Senator Maroney, Representative D'Agostino, Senator Cicarella, Representative Brown, and members of the General Law Committee:

Over the past few months, I have joined Senator Maroney, experts in Connecticut's health tech field, and academics from our state's colleges and universities to discuss artificial intelligence and how it stands to change our state and our world.

I've been heartened to hear some of the possibilities that AI could unlock for our state. We could see a reduction of repetitive tasks that office workers carry out, thanks to generative consumer AI products like ChatGPT and Bard. We could see the growth of a new AI sector in this state, similar to how biotech has become an essential part of the Greater New Haven area's economy. But the potential risks that AI poses are real. Whether that's revenge pornography generated by artificial intelligence or audio deepfakes that perfectly mimic the voice of a loved one to scam our senior citizens, this technology could cause immense harm to our residents. In many cases, it already has.

That's why I'm proud to testify in support of S.B 2: An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence. This is a well-crafted bill that in very concrete terms, guards against the worst use cases of AI while encouraging the sector and ensuring that our state government remains a partner to AI startups.

The protections against deepfake revenge pornography are important for everyone in the state and prevent people from having their likeness used in disturbing and traumatic ways – bringing us in line with actions that the legislatures of Texas, Virginia, Georgia, and Hawaii have taken. I also commend the banning of artificial intelligence election interference content. It should not be acceptable to have someone's voice distorted with this technology to be used in campaigns, with the intent to misinform the electorate.

It also encourages the state government to examine ways to implement artificial intelligence in our own agencies and offices – which could create more efficiency and save taxpayers money. My office is already exploring ways with Quantum and our other partners. to leverage AI. In our state health plan, AI technologies are being leveraged for Provider and member service phone calls to authenticate and then to self-service. On the tail end of the Provider call, Quantum uses AI and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tech to generate smart summaries of what transpired in the call.

Connecticut cannot afford to lag behind in encouraging the development of AI in our state. We have one of the best educated workforces in the country. Our state is one of the best in the nation to raise a family. But we have to make sure that the infrastructure that tech companies need to thrive exists in our state. That's why DECD needs to develop a plan to offer high-performance

computing services, that already exist in other states and that are necessary for the high data analytical and computing needs that this sector requires.

The legislature should act on this bill and continue to support this burgeoning sector.

All the best,

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