



# THE NEWSGUILD

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Dear Senator:

On behalf of journalists and media workers in your state and across the country, I write to oppose the moratorium on state-level regulation of generative artificial intelligence (“AI”) contained in the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee’s draft reconciliation title.

The NewsGuild-CWA does not oppose the use of AI. Our members use AI as a tool in their work and our union has secured more than three dozen collective bargaining agreements with employers that expressly cover the use of AI in the workplace. We’ve won protections to control the use of AI, protect jobs and establish labor/management committees to address AI-related issues in the workplace. We’ve developed productive ways to benefit from this technology, while avoiding some of its worst effects.

Just as our collective bargaining agreements provide templates for how to manage AI in the workplace, states can and should develop a variety of ways to safely incorporate AI into our daily lives.

The proposed moratorium would upend that critical balance. It would shut down any attempt by state legislatures to address their residents’ concerns and protect against the harms from the misuse of this technology. By enacting the moratorium, Congress would put Big Tech’s profits before the will of the people to govern themselves through their elected state representatives.

I urge you to vote for any amendment that strips the state AI moratorium language out of the final budget reconciliation bill, and to oppose any final reconciliation bill that includes the moratorium.

Sincerely,

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The NewsGuild-CWA

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