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Representative Lori Trahan
2233 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Opposition to a Federal Preemption Ceiling on Artificial Intelligence Guardrails

Dear Representative Trahan,

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting children and families from online harms. We understand that you are currently hearing from advocacy groups across the country regarding federal AI legislation. We write today to echo their concerns and **respectfully urge you to oppose any legislative framework that establishes a federal preemption ceiling on artificial intelligence guardrails.**

While we support a bipartisan federal effort to establish a baseline of consumer protections, we believe federal law should serve as a floor, not a ceiling. We oppose a rigid federal ceiling for three key reasons:

- **Inflexible Standards:** A federal ceiling locks a single standard in place. Given the time it takes Congress to pass and update legislation, a ceiling lacks the flexibility to adapt to rapidly changing AI technologies.
- **Undermines States' Role:** It undermines the vital role states have traditionally played in establishing strong consumer protections.
- **Dangerous Precedent:** Permitting preemption in this space encourages Congress to look at other critical technology and consumer protection areas to erode state lawmaking authority.

Massachusetts has long crafted forward-thinking guardrails that protect its residents while fostering technological innovation. States like yours must retain their authority to build upon federal protections in response to evolving risks.

We strongly urge you to oppose any AI legislation as long as it establishes a federal ceiling rather than a baseline floor. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you on legislation to establish a federal baseline for AI regulation without preempting state laws.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Danny Weiss,
Chief Advocacy Officer