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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Information Management and Technology

Measure: HB4153

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Joint Committee
Information Management and Technology
State Capitol, 900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 4153 – Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Co-Chairs: Woods and Nathanson, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, I'm Ashley Sutton, the Executive Director at TechNet for Washington and the Northwest. Testifying in support of HB 4153 with amendments.

TechNet appreciates the opportunity to weigh in and the efforts of the Prime Sponsors to take a measured approach to studying artificial intelligence. We've appreciated your willingness to hear our feedback on the inclusion of all three associations as we work closely together.

We would request that TechNet be explicitly named in the language to solidify our participation on the task force based on our work and expertise on AI for America. The State of Oregon is uniquely positioned to become the hub for AI innovation as it boasts a wealth of expertise from TechNet member companies situated in the State.

We believe that leveraging this expertise creates opportunities for unmatched economic development and scientific breakthroughs for Oregonians and beyond. Artificial intelligence is a complex and quickly evolving technology. Legislation in this area requires thoughtful consideration of the possible unintended consequences that regulation may pose for consumers, businesses, and the state.

We thank you for the opportunity to continue this important dialogue and look forward to collaboration to ensure the State can become a leader in AI innovation. And for the U.S. to retain its global competitive advantage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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