

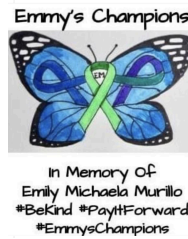


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The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

**We write to you as a coalition of organizations in support of New York's Responsible AI Safety and Education (RAISE) Act.** Our organizations have worked for years to address the harms that emerged when the largest technology companies in the world released social media products that promised to connect us, but that instead irreparably damaged the lives of an entire generation of young people. Fifteen years ago, at the inception of social media, our policymakers failed to see what was coming and act to protect the public. Now, the same companies that build and profit from social media are leading the race to develop increasingly advanced AI systems. We can't afford to make the same mistakes now that we did last time.

New York's RAISE Act offers a chance to put in place basic transparency measures to ensure we aren't caught off guard by AI in the same way we were by social media. It would create basic transparency requirements for the largest frontier model developers, requiring that they write, follow, and publish safety and security protocols to test their models for the most severe risks and report serious safety incidents to the Attorney General when things do go wrong.

If basic guardrails like this had existed at the inception of social media, our young people could be living in a safer, healthier world. Policymakers would have had a clear understanding of what steps technology companies were taking—or refusing to take—to protect the public. Our

policymakers and the public would have had a direct eye on how the largest companies were failing to protect our communities.

Rather than covering a broad swath of AI developers, the RAISE Act narrowly covers the very largest companies on the cutting edge of this technology—those spending hundreds of millions of dollars to train foundation models. Just as with social media, the largest AI developers with the most advanced systems may pose the highest risks to the public. Many large internet technology companies are already integrating their most advanced AI systems directly into their existing services. That means that the many millions of young people on these platforms have direct exposure to the most advanced AI systems in the world. That makes it even more critical to ensure these systems are safe for the public.

The RAISE Act follows California's lead in establishing transparency-based safeguards without stifling innovation. California's landmark AI safety bill (SB 53), which Governor Newsom recently [signed into law](#), demonstrated that states can take meaningful action to protect their residents from AI-related harms. New York now has the opportunity to build on that momentum and establish itself as a national leader in responsible AI governance. Importantly, the RAISE Act goes further than SB 53 by requiring companies to have reasonable safety protections, not only to detail what their safety protections are.

The RAISE Act would accomplish this through three key provisions:

**First**, it would require the very largest AI companies to write, publish, and follow safety and security protocols. These protocols would cover the most severe risks: those that could result in more than 100 deaths or more than \$1 billion in damages, such as assisting in the production of biological weapons or enabling automated criminal activity at scale. Rather than prescribe specific technical standards that companies must follow, the RAISE Act simply requires companies to be transparent about the approaches they are using to manage catastrophic risks.

**Second**, it would require transparency when safety incidents do occur. Developers would be required to promptly report safety incidents that pose a risk of critical harm to the Attorney General. This adverse event reporting system would ensure that policymakers and the public are not kept in the dark when AI systems cause serious harm.

**Third**, it would provide accountability through enforcement by the Attorney General. Rather than creating a new government agency, the RAISE Act empowers existing state authorities to ensure compliance with these basic transparency measures.

Major AI developers have already agreed, voluntarily at international AI safety summits, to publish safety and security protocols that describe how they assess, test for, and mitigate severe risks. The RAISE Act would ensure developers follow through on their commitments and keep the public safe.

The RAISE Act would put in place the basic protections that we failed to enact when social media was first released to the public. By taking action now, we can avoid the grave harms that

resulted from letting social media run unregulated over our young people for over a decade. New York has the opportunity to establish a new national standard for AI safety.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to sign this important measure.

Sincerely,

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