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The Honorable Mike Johnson
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

Scale AI (Scale) commends Congress for prioritizing artificial intelligence policy throughout the 118th Congress. We have been pleased to see bipartisan support for achieving a regulatory framework that would maximize innovation while including the proper guardrails to protect consumers. As you work towards a potential end-of-year legislative package, Scale strongly urges you to consider including key AI priorities that will better position the United States to become a global leader in AI development and deployment.

Since 2016, Scale's mission has been to accelerate the development of AI. From our earliest days building high-quality datasets for autonomous vehicle programs, to our commercial work today with nearly every leading frontier model developer, and our work with the federal government, Scale has always been on the forefront of AI development. This Congress, we have been honored to share our expertise as a participant in multiple congressional committee hearings, a Senate AI Insight Forum, roundtables with the House AI Task Force, and numerous engagements to help educate Members of Congress and staff on challenges and opportunities within the AI ecosystem.

As Congress works to establish an effective AI policy framework, it is critical that Congress lays a strong foundation to regulate the use of the technology rather than the underlying technology itself. To that end, Scale endorses the following legislative concepts that will move the United States forward in leading the world in AI development and deployment:

1. **Authorization of the AI Safety Institute** –The AI Safety Institute can be a critical body to further the necessary measurement science gaps associated with AI research. Housed within the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Institute, if structured properly, could be helpful in developing the standards and frameworks for the

responsible use of AI. Beyond its work to develop these standards, the Institute can also work to promote U.S.-developed standards and frameworks abroad. At present, there already exists a global network of AI Safety Institutes, and it is critical that the United States is empowered to play a leading voice within this group. Authorizing the AI Safety Institute is necessary so that Congress can guide a long-term direction for the global network and perform oversight to ensure the Institute is meeting its intent.

2. **AI-ready data requirements at every agency** – Scale strongly believes that all federal agencies should be required to convert raw data to AI-ready data to fully realize the potential of AI applications. This is crucial because AI outputs are only as good as the data that models are trained on, and low-quality data will lead to low-quality outputs. Investing in high-quality, AI-ready data up front is a commercial industry best practice that ensures high-quality outputs. Implementing this requirement will enhance the United States government's ability to leverage AI technology effectively across all agencies.

3. **Definition of actors within the ecosystem** – Congress should define "developers" and "deployers" to provide clarity for all the commercial, academic, and government entities within the AI ecosystem. Clear definitions for those terms would provide much needed clarity for both industry and federal, state, and local partners who must collaborate but currently lack a common understanding of those terms. Based on activity at the state level, a patchwork of definitions has begun to emerge that threatens to stifle collaboration between key AI stakeholders. Clear federal definitions would facilitate cooperation more smoothly among the players in the ecosystem, ultimately enabling industry to move forward more effectively.

In addition to these key concepts, Scale also supports training the workforce of the future and standing up the National AI Research Resource. However, addressing the three items above can and must be accomplished this year to demonstrate American leadership in AI now and position us for the future. Scale appreciates your consideration of these priorities and we stand ready to provide any assistance you may need.

Sincerely,

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