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Dear Majority Leader Schumer:

Congratulations on the success of the inaugural AI Insight Forum. We heard a range of views on the significant risks and enormous opportunities artificial intelligence presents. Although the perspectives did not always align, everyone seemed to agree that we must meet the transformative challenge of AI with a thoughtful and comprehensive regulatory framework. In my view, this moment requires a new federal agency to effectively protect consumers, promote competition, and assert the public interest.

In May, I reintroduced the Digital Platform Commission Act with Senator Peter Welch (D-Vt). Like the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commission would have the power to hold hearings, conduct research, pursue investigations, establish common-sense rules, and enforce them with strong penalties.

As you have said from the outset, we must ensure any AI framework preserves American innovation without sacrificing the safety and security of the American people, especially our kids. We must balance the twin imperatives of global leadership and effective government oversight. An independent regulator can translate these principles into practice, keep pace with innovation, and write rules that adapt to new technology as it develops.

Our history provides excellent examples of Congress establishing new agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission and the Food and Drug Administration, when changing economic circumstances demanded administrative innovation. In our time, we have the chance to finally put the American people in a negotiation with companies that have transformed every aspect of our society and economy, and amassed vast power over our lives and our children's lives.

I am grateful for your leadership, and look forward to working with you on this essential project.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator