Dear Assembly Judiciary Committee,

Together, as some of the experts and leading founders in California’s Artificial Intelligence (AI) community, we stand united in our opposition to California Senate Bill 1047. The bill is fraught with unintended consequences and would have a devastating impact on California’s businesses, innovation, economy and security.

We are California entrepreneurs, open-source developers, university researchers and academics - who have founded and run businesses in California because of the opportunity, innovation, creativity and spirit that fosters and encourages growth across the state, making us the 5th largest economy in the world.

The progress we’ve made on AI over the last decade has set the stage for some of the most exciting and cutting-edge technologies our generation has to offer - and we are proud to have achieved this here in California. But it isn’t just about the technological advancements - it’s also about the businesses we’ve built and the economic opportunity that these advancements bring to California.

Unfortunately, that is all at risk with SB 1047, which would stifle open-source AI development and have a downstream chilling effect not only on AI investment and expansion, but on the small business entrepreneurship that makes California what it is today.

As it stands, SB 1047 raises serious risks that have global implications, as the bill would drive important AI research offshore and out of California. The result would be catastrophic, as research would continue to advance internationally, letting places like China take the lead in development of this powerful tool and leaving California, and indeed the nation, without the means to effectively guard against just those threats SB 1047 purports to address.

In California, we have access to the best AI researchers and academics the world has to offer and we should be working collaboratively with them to develop the next phases of AI, not overregulating their work and rendering our advancements moot because of the unintended and far reaching consequences that laws like SB 1047 would impose of Californians.
As lawmakers consider the future of AI here in California, it is prudent to give thought to the implications this kind of regulation would have on the rest of the nation, and the world. Regulations should be informed by the insights of the preeminent AI developers, business owners and thought leaders that have dedicated their careers to understanding the opportunities and challenges that lie within the technology and who have the real-world context for how the field operates.

The bottomline: SB 1047 would threaten our tech economy, undermine our security, and threaten competition.

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