

Senator Schumer Closing Statement
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This concludes our eighth AI Insight Forum.

Thanks to our participants for sharing their expertise. Thanks to Senators Rounds, Heinrich, and Young. And thanks to my Senate colleagues and staff in the audience.

After our discussion, I think we can all agree on a few important points:

First, AI is the ultimate dual-use technology. If managed properly, AI promises unimaginable potential for our society. But if left unchecked, AI also poses both immediate and long-term risks.

Second, leveraging competition in the open source community could be a powerful tool in aiding the advancement of safety and security controls in AI systems, but only if leading model developers pursue a more modular and open approach.

Third, we must create and enforce guardrails to prevent a race to the bottom by unscrupulous companies, both for short-term risks like bias and mis/disinformation, and the long-term risks we discussed today.

Fourth, and finally, progressing research on alignment is key to decreasing existential risk from AI systems, and the federal government has a role to play in ensuring this research happens here and happens quickly.

Thanks again for being here, and I look forward to working with you all in the months ahead.