

Senator Schumer Closing Remarks
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This concludes our ninth 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.

I always make it a point to highlight a few areas of consensus after our discussions. Here is what I believe today's are:

First, U.S. leadership in AI gives us a competitive advantage that can greatly benefit the deployment of AI to strengthen our national security.

Second, in order to maintain U.S. leadership in AI, we must provide robust investments to grow the defense AI industry, including more funding for research, development, and procurement of AI technologies.

Third, and finally, the only country that can compete with the U.S. on AI innovation is China. So, any discussion or effort to advance AI for national security purposes cannot ignore the importance of competition with the Chinese government.

Over the course of our nine forums, we have learned a great deal about AI, both its potential and its risks.

We, as a bipartisan gang, will have more to share soon on next steps, but I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped make the AI Insight Forums a success:

The Rules Committee for graciously letting us use this beautiful and historic room for so many events...

The Architect of the Capitol and Superintendents' Office for staying late or getting here early to set up every day...

The Capitol Police for keeping us safe and helping get guests in and out quickly and efficiently...

And the Senate Recording Studio and Senate Democratic Media Center for providing top-notch audio and visual services, ensuring the clarity of these proceedings.

Now, the work continues here in Congress to draft bipartisan, comprehensive legislation to tackle AI.

No question about it: this is exceedingly ambitious. AI is unlike anything we've dealt with before, and it may be extremely difficult for legislation to tackle every single issue.

Even if we find some solutions or create a degree of consensus to manage AI's challenges, we must pursue it together.

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