

**Senator Schumer Closing Remarks**  
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This has been a very informative discussion. Thank you all for engaging with us on this topic and sharing your insights.

After listening to everyone today, I think we can all agree that AI presents a very real and pressing risk to the workforce and workers' rights.

But I think we can also agree that if we put proper guardrails in place, make investments in skills, and if workers are front and center in the development and deployment of AI, we can harness AI's potential to create real opportunities.

Here are my biggest takeaways from today's discussion:

First, government must play a role in creating AI guardrails to prevent job displacement and protect workers' rights.

These guardrails are the best way to rein in bad actors and prevent public backlash against threats like mass displacement that would undermine the ability to innovate and the U.S. to lead in AI.

Second, it will require robust federal investment in STEM education and training to connect people to the new opportunities that AI will create.

After our second forum, we discussed \$32 billion in funding for AI innovation. That number includes money we already authorized in the CHIPS and Science Act for STEM education and training programs.

And third, we must support STEM immigration.

If we want to make sure America leads the way in the technologies of the future, we must continue to support immigration programs that attract the world's AI talent to our shores – not just to study, but to stay. And these immigrants must have the same rights in the workplace as American-born workers.

There's no question about it: we have a very hard task in front of us. But, as Theodore Roosevelt said, "We're in the arena." If we don't do it, who is going to do it?

The AI age presents opportunities for a new partnership between government, industry, workers, academia, and civil society. We do not need to fall victim to the old debates between workers and employers.

A sustainable AI that fuels U.S. leadership should be built on the views of workers, labor unions, educators, and employers. This technology has the potential to improve workers' lives and expand prosperity across society.

So, thank you all again for being here. Thank you to my colleagues, Senators Rounds, Heinrich, and Young. And thank you to my fellow Senators who stopped by to listen.

I look forward to working with all of you moving forward.