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1 COMMITTEE: TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

2 POLICY: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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7 State Leadership in Al Policy Development

8 The National Conference of State Legislatures recognizes that AI is transforming society

9 and the economy, with applications in nearly every sector. While AI has the potential to

10 drive innovation, improve services and create efficiencies, it also raises pressing

- 11 concerns.
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13 State legislatures are at the forefront of addressing these opportunities and risks.

Lawmakers are engaging with a diverse set of stakeholders to enact laws and

regulations that promote innovation while protecting public interest. These state-led

16 efforts are essential to ensuring that AI technologies are developed and deployed in

17 ways that reflect the unique values, needs and priorities of their communities.

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19 **Preserving State Authority in AI Regulation**

20 NCSL strongly opposes any attempt by Congress, federal agencies or the

21 administration to preempt state laws or undermine state authority over AI policy.

22 Preemption would interfere with the ability of states to act swiftly and responsively as

technology evolves and would compromise public trust in AI governance. Federal laws

24 and regulations in the AI space should establish a strong baseline of protections that

25 uphold individual data privacy, ensure transparency in Al-driven decisions and maintain

26 meaningful human oversight over critical systems. Congress should support states'

ability to build upon federal standards to address emerging risks and maintain

28 accountability.

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30 Federal-State Collaboration on Al Governance

31 NCSL urges Congress, federal agencies and the administration to engage with state

- 32 lawmakers in the development of AI policy. States must be consulted throughout the
- 33 legislative and regulatory process, and their laws and innovations should be viewed as
- 34 critical components of a broader national strategy. Effective governance of AI requires
- 35 sustained intergovernmental collaboration and mutual respect for the dual roles of state
- 36 and federal governments.
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38 Transparency and Accountability in Al Systems

- 39 NCSL supports transparency as a cornerstone of public trust in AI technologies.
- 40 Individuals have a right to know when AI systems are being used, what the systems
- 41 were designed for, how decisions are made, and what data is being collected and
- 42 processed. Equally important is accountability, which ensures that those developing and
- 43 deploying AI systems have some responsibility for their impacts and outcomes.
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45 Federal Investment in Al Research and Education

46 NCSL supports increased federal investment in AI research through institutions such as
 47 the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Standards and Technology,

- 48 and the National Institutes of Health. These initiatives should include mechanisms for
- 49 sharing research findings with state policymakers to inform evidence-based decision-
- 50 making. National Laboratories should also collaborate closely with state and federal
- 51 governments to ensure AI research aligns with public needs and supports policy
- 52 development. Additionally, NCSL urges the federal government to launch national
- 53 education and public awareness campaigns to increase the public's understanding of AI
- 54 technologies, their applications and their implications.
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56 Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity

- 57 NCSL supports robust federal investments in workforce development, including
- ⁵⁸ upskilling and training programs that ensure students, workers and underserved
- 59 communities can fully participate in and benefit from the AI-driven economy.
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- 61 Safeguarding Against Malicious Uses of Al

- 62 NCSL calls on Congress to partner with states to prevent the creation and distribution of
- non-consensual AI-generated intimate images and other malicious uses of generative
- 64 AI, including deepfakes. These technologies pose serious threats to individual rights,
- 65 dignity and safety. Federal action in this area must complement, not preempt, state
- 66 efforts to protect their residents.
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68 Cybersecurity

- 69 Enhanced federal-state coordination on cybersecurity standards and incident response
- 70 protocols is essential to protecting critical AI infrastructure that serves citizens and
- supports economic growth across all levels of government. NCSL urges the federal
- 72 government to strengthen cybersecurity infrastructure and information sharing
- 73 mechanisms that support both state and private sector AI systems against evolving
- 74 cyber threats.

1 COMMITTEE: TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

2 POLICY: THE INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

3TYPE:UPDATED DIRECTIVE; SPONSORED BY UTAH REP.4PAUL CUTLER

The Internet defies a detailed one-size-fits-all approach to public policy and regulation.
America's federal and state lawmakers, as well as policy makers from other countries
should be guided by principles that foster the Internet's development while protecting
the security and privacy of individual users.

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Our nation's state legislatures are well-aware of the impact that access to the Internet 10 and electronic commerce have on the economic vitality of our states and communities. 11 State legislatures also recognize that the marketplace for electronic commerce is global, 12 13 not just in the United States. State legislatures share the concern of many in Congress 14 that ill-conceived over-regulation and taxation of the Internet and electronic commerce services could harm our nation's ability to compete globally. However, state legislatures 15 16 also recognize that they have an obligation to act, when and if necessary, to protect the general welfare of their constituents. As the use of the Internet continues to expand, any 17 18 future or existing regulations must be balanced against market forces in a competitive and technologically neutral manner, as government must not choose the winners or 19 20 losers of the digital age.

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Nothing in this policy statement is to be construed as limiting or affecting the right of any
 state to regulate alcohol according to its local norms and standards pursuant to the 21st
 Amendment.

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NCSL opposes unnecessary or unwarranted federal legislation or regulation that would
 impede efforts by states to promote access to the Internet, enhance competition or
 increased consumer choice, or ensure the security of personal information of
 consumers conducting electronic commerce transactions.

- 30 The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) supports the following principles
- in formulating laws and regulations that impact the Internet and electronic commerce:
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33 Consumer Data Privacy, Security and Online Safety

With the proliferation of data online, including the internet of things and mobile devices, the regulation of the collection, sales, and transmission of consumer data is increasingly a priority for state and federal lawmakers. NCSL recognizes the importance of consumer data privacy and security protections, as well as the role of the states as leaders in establishing those protections for their constituents.

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40 In response to many high-profile security breaches and violations of consumer privacy,

41 data privacy and security have become the subject of increasing regulation, most

42 notably the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Europe. States and the

43 federal government are working to protect against data breaches, mishandling of data,

44 and non-transparent sale of consumer data in a way that balances myriad competing

interests and allows for innovation while safeguarding the rights of consumers.

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With regard to children and adolescents, the internet poses certain increased risks as they may not be able to recognize dangerous situations online. Strong privacy laws combined with online safety laws could be a critical part of alleviating the mental health harms facing young people. States have enacted comprehensive privacy, security, and online safety laws in the past few years and will not hesitate to act collaborate with federal lawmakers on initiatives to protect the privacy, security, and mental health of their residents, particularly their children and adolescents to include:

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- the use of tools (e.g., content moderation, content filtering, age verification) that
 uphold user privacy and free speech while ensuring minors have safe, age appropriate online experiences consistent with existing laws and best practices
 for digital safety.
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60	 enhanced parental involvement in minors' use of digital platforms, including
61	social media. Encouraging meaningful parental engagement can help ensure
62	appropriate oversight and promote safe, age-appropriate experiences for youth
63	online.
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65	NCSL also encourages Congress to consider requiring clear and visible warning labels
66	on social media platforms that inform users of potential mental health risks associated
67	with excessive social media use.
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70	NCSL supports initiatives to promote digital literacy and online safety education for
71	children and families as part of comprehensive youth data privacy strategies, as well as
72	research on how social media impacts the mental health and well-being of children and
73	teens.
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75	NCSL opposes blanket state preemption in federal data privacy and security legislation
76	and supports the establishment of strong federal baseline standards that allow states to
77	adopt additional protections tailored to their constituents' needs. However, because of
78	the interstate nature of the internet and data transmission, NCSL recognizes there may
79	be a need for uniformity in the regulatory environment.
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81	NCSL strongly urges Congress to engage in regular and meaningful consultation with
82	state lawmakers when considering federal privacy and security legislation, including
83	legislation aimed at protecting children and adolescents. State lawmakers should be
84	included in hearings, review of draft language, principle setting, and other
85	Congressional activity intended to impact state regulatory regimes.
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87	If Congress develops a national standard, NCSL strongly encourages consultation with
88	states and recognition of state expertise in addressing the varied interests of each
89	state's unique constituency. In any federal legislation, NCSL urges Congress to
90	prioritize transparency and informed privacy decisions, to carefully consider the best

method for consumer notice, disclosure, and consent, and to ensure increased 91 92 safeguards to protect the privacy, security and mental health of children and adolescents. NCSL further encourages Congress to consider issues of third-party 93 access and sales, disposal of data, consumer rights to control data, and the burden of 94 protecting consumer data. States have also engaged in significant deliberation over the 95 applicability of consumer protections to various data types, including how to define 96 personal data and how categories of data collectors or sellers should be regulated. 97 NCSL supports recognition by Congress of states' expertise on these issues and 98 opposes any legislation that preempts state law without meaningful consideration of 99 state priorities or established consumer protections. 100

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NCSL also recognizes the rapidly evolving nature of data collection and urges Congress
 to consider biometric data, location data, and technologies like facial recognition and
 artificial intelligence when considering federal legislation.

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States must retain the right to establish their own legal rights of action, enforcement
 regimes, and oversight authority. NCSL urges Congress to protect the right of the states
 to enforce data privacy provisions in any federal legislation.

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110 **Telemarketing**

111 NCSL recognizes the increase in telemarketing activity, telemarketing fraud, fraudulent

mass texts, and robocalls across the nation and the work of the Consumer Financial

113 Protection Bureau and Federal Communications Commission on expanding consumer

rights in this area. NCSL urges Congress to pass legislation to protect consumers from

harassing, predatory, and fraudulent telemarketing activity, including requiring

telephone service providers to, at no cost to the customer:

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- 118 1. Make robocall and text mitigation technology available to any customer;
- Implement call and text authentication technology to identify likely spoofed calls
 and texts; and
- 121 3. Offer call and text blocking technology.

122 Free Speech

- The Internet allows people to communicate and share ideas with others with an ease 123 124 never before possible. Federal government policy should rigorously protect freedom of speech and expression on the Internet, but not restrict states or local governments from 125 oversight protecting freedom of speech. New technologies should adequately enable 126 127 individuals, families and schools to protect themselves and students from communications and materials they deem offensive or inappropriate. State law 128 enforcement, with federal assistance and resources, must be able to enforce criminal 129 statutes against predators that use the Internet to harm or abuse children. 130
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132 Self-Governance

133 NCSL requests that Congress to maintain the current self-governance approach that

allows the competitive marketplace to drive broadband and broadband-related

applications development and deployment. Congress should avoid adopting new

136 mandates and provide the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with defined

and limited authority to oversee, but not proactively intervene in, the broadband Internet

138 marketplace consistent with principles that focus on assessing whether the market

- 139 continues to ensure that consumers can:
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141 1. Receive meaningful information regarding their broadband service plans;

142 2. Have access to their choice of legal Internet content, recognizing the limits on
143 bandwidth and quality of service of their service plan;

Run applications of their choice, subject to the needs of law enforcement and the
limits on bandwidth limits and quality of service of their service plans, as long as
they do not harm the provider's network or interfere with other consumers' use of
the broadband service; and

4. Be permitted to attach any devices they choose to their broadband connection at
the consumer's premise, so long as they operate within the limits on bandwidth
and quality of service of their service plans and do not harm the provider's
network, interfere with other consumers' use of the broadband service, or enable
theft of services.

153 Growth

Public policies must be designed to foster continuing expansion of useful and affordable
bandwidth, encourage development of innovative technologies and promote broad
universal access. Federal and state governments must work together to ensure that all
Americans, regardless of where they live, have competitive access to high-speed
broadband technologies. Government must work to guarantee open and competitive
markets for broadband services.

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161 Information Technology

Information technology (IT) is a global industry. A strong American IT industry enhances 162 and strengthens the economic well-being of our states and nation. States and the 163 164 federal government must work together to ensure a climate that allows America's IT companies to continue to perform research and technology development, to generate 165 166 innovative new products and services and to solve customer problems. States must have the unfettered ability to continue to seek ways to use IT to better the lives of their 167 168 residents. Therefore, NCSL opposes any attempt by the federal government to restrict or penalize states' efforts to utilize information technology services and products that 169 170 allow states to provide more efficient government services to residents at lower costs to 171 taxpayers.

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173 Internet Gambling

174 Congress must respect the sovereignty of states to allow or to prohibit Internet gambling175 by their residents.

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177 The Wire Act of 1961 prohibits using an interstate wire communication to transmit bets

- or wagers or information assisting in the placing of bets or wagers on any sporting event
- or contest. The law also made it illegal to use interstate wire communications
- transmissions to provide remuneration for winning bets or wagers or for information
- 181 assisting in the placing of bets or wagers.

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In 2018, the Supreme Court's ruling in Murphy vs. National Collegiate Athletic Assn. 183 allowed states to legalize and regulate sports betting for the first time, and many states 184 have passed or are considering legislation that allows online gaming. Additionally, 185 states currently engage in online gaming markets, interstate online poker pools, online 186 lottery sales, and interstate lottery pools, among other online gaming activities. States 187 188 and bettors also use the internet for marketing and payment processing. Some states currently utilize technology that restricts sportsbooks and users to operate within state 189 lines. 190

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The Department of Justice has issued several memos on the application of the Wire Act 192 that may impact the ability of states to operate and regulate a variety of online betting 193 194 and gaming activities. In 2019, the Office of Legal Counsel in the Department of Justice issued a revision of their 2011 opinion. The revision stated that the restrictions in the 195 196 Wire Act apply to any form of gambling that crosses state lines, and may impact many currently legal state gambling activities, including the passing of data through 197 198 intermediaries. The revision creates uncertainty in the regulatory environment and may cause disruption in state markets as litigation follows. 199

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201 NCSL recognizes the importance of state sovereignty in the operation and regulation of 202 online gaming and the importance of a predictable and stable regulatory environment. NCSL encourages Congress and the Department of Justice to engage in regular and 203 204 meaningful consultation of state lawmakers and regulators when considering bills, 205 opinions, or other actions that may disrupt current state markets or affect the ability of 206 states to regulate online gaming. NCSL recognizes that states are best suited to 207 regulate online gambling and encourages the Department of Justice to revise its current interpretation of the Wire Act to recognize state sovereignty in regulating these activities 208 209 and provide market stability.

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NCSL also urges Congress to clarify the Wire Act to protect the ability of states to
 operate and regulate online gambling activities as they see fit, including currently legal

activities threatened by the revision of the OLC opinion. NCSL further recognizes that

- the Wire Act contains language that is out of date and does not reflect the reality that
- states, markets, consumers, and regulators operate in the age of the internet and digital
- commerce. NCSL supports a revision of the Wire Act that updates the Act to more
- 217 accurately represents current technology and communications capabilities.
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219 Electronic Commerce and Taxation

- Government policies should create a workable infrastructure in which electronic 220 commerce can flourish. Policy makers must resist any temptation to apply tax policy to 221 the Internet in a discriminatory or multiple manner that hinders growth. Government tax 222 systems should treat transactions, including telecommunications and electronic 223 commerce, in a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory manner. The federal 224 225 government and America's industries should work with state legislatures in ensuring equal tax treatment of all forms of commerce and should encourage state efforts to 226 227 achieve simplification and uniformity through the streamlining of state and local sales and telecommunications tax systems. 228
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230 NCSL supports the reform of the discriminatory taxation of communications services 231 and believes that if state and local governments were to take such action, the need for

- the federal moratorium on Internet access would cease to exist.
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234 Video Franchise Reform

235 Innovation and convergence of existing technologies are radically expanding

communications and information services, blurring distinctions between telephone,

237 Internet services, cable, wireless and satellite. These rapid changes often outpace

- abilities of federal, state and local regulatory regimes to adapt. It is important that video
- regulatory policy assure that like services are treated alike, investment is encouraged,
- and services are in a non-discriminatory manner.
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242 State Administration Will Preserve State Authority

Local jurisdictions are the creation of either state constitutions or law. The powers that

these political subdivisions of the state exercise were granted to them over time by state

- legislatures. Those local jurisdictions that have franchise authority have it as a result of 245 state legislation or the state constitution. Therefore, any attempt by Congress to 246 247 preempt current local franchise authority is a preemption of state sovereignty. While NCSL rarely advocates for the consideration of legislation in state legislatures, 248 NCSL has at times, when states are facing a crisis or a serious threat of federal 249 250 preemption, urged state legislatures to take action. NCSL endorses efforts that remove barriers to entry for or inequity of regulation among video competitors and foster 251 additional consumer choices in the video marketplace ultimately ensuring competitive 252 253 neutrality.
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255 Government should encourage competition and consumer choices for broadband and

video services and promote the deployment of broadband services and technologies, as

- well as including options for public-private partnerships where applicable.
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259 Fees and Taxation of Video Providers

Franchise fees today are levied, imposed or collected as a percentage of gross revenues, used for general revenue purposes and not based on the actual direct and identifiable costs of any benefit to the entity that pays the fee. To the extent such fees are intended as payment for use of public rights-of-way, that fee should be limited to the actual, direct and identifiable cost of such use, and that portion of the fee should be applied only to those who use the rights-of-way. Franchise fees should be collected and administered by one central agency per state.

1COMMITTEE:TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (JOINT WITH22BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE)

3 POLICY: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

4 TYPE: NEW DIRECTIVE, PREVIOUSLY A RESOLUTION; 5 COMMITTEE SPONSORED

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7 AI Transformation in Financial Services

8 The National Conference of State Legislatures recognizes that AI is transforming and

9 impacting the field of financial services.

10 Benefits and Risks of Al in Financial Services

Al is enhancing the field by boosting efficiency, accuracy, and innovation through

12 applications such as chatbots and virtual assistants, advanced risk assessment, real-

- 13 time detection of suspicious transactions and consumer behavioral anomalies,
- 14 identification of emerging illicit activity patterns and the prediction of price movements
- 15 and market trends.

16 The deployment of AI in the financial sector can also create certain risks such as

17 perpetuating bias, reducing transparency and accountability, exacerbating cybersecurity

concerns if malicious actors can gain unauthorized access to sensitive financial

19 information and creating market instability from an overreliance on one single AI data

20 set or single base model.

21 Federal Priorities

States serve as laboratories of democracy and should have the flexibility to explore and implement innovative approaches to regulating AI in financial services, including pilot programs, public-private partnerships and state-specific safeguards tailored to local needs. This also includes the ability of states to adopt strong cybersecurity frameworks, including data encryption, multi-factor authentication and continuous monitoring, to protect against threats posed by increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks. Congress should prioritize investments and policies that promote the development of
transparent, understandable and accountable AI systems in the financial sector to
ensure fairness, trust and public confidence.

The National Conference of State Legislatures urges Congress, federal regulatory agencies and the administration to keep these priorities in mind as they consider how to best regulate AI's use in financial services. NCSL further encourages Congress, federal agencies and the administration to consult with states as they debate and develop AI legislation and regulations related to financial services, paying particular attention to how any federal law or regulation will impact state laws governing AI in the financial space.

- 38 Federal laws and regulations should support states' ability to adopt their own laws to
- keep pace with and respond to rapid AI technological advances and to protect the
- 40 public's financial interests.

1COMMITTEE:TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (JOINT WITH2BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE)

3 POLICY: LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ARTIFICIAL 4 INTELLIGENCE

5TYPE:NEW DIRECTIVE; INTRODUCED BY RHODE ISLAND6SEN. VICTORIA GU

7 Responsible Al Development and Social Benefits

- 8 An important goal of federal policy should be to ensure that the development and
- 9 deployment of advanced AI systems is conducted responsibly and does not generate
- 10 social costs that exceed the social benefits of the technology.
- 11 Advanced AI systems may generate risks of harm that exceed the ability of their
- 12 developers or deployers to compensate the victims.
- 13 Requiring liability insurance commensurate with each technology's risk level will provide
- 14 an economic incentive for advanced AI system developers or deployers to take
- appropriate precautions to avoid the occurrence of damage and protect the public.

16 Federal-State Collaboration

- 17 NCSL requests that Congress work with state insurance regulators to encourage the
- 18 insurance industry to develop liability insurance for the developers and deployers of
- advanced AI systems, with coverage requirements set based on an assessment of the
- 20 system's high-risk potential.
- 21 High-risk AI applications, such as those used in autonomous vehicles, financial
- 22 decision-making, healthcare diagnostics and critical infrastructure, require closer
- 23 oversight and accountability measures to prevent harm. These applications present
- 24 elevated potential for major losses that could affect entire communities or economic
- sectors. Any liability or insurance framework for AI systems should be grounded in clear
- and transparent standards to ensure fairness, accountability and public trust.

1	COMMITTEE:	TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS			
2	POLICY:	UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND			
3 4 5	TYPE:	NEW RESOLUTION; INTRODUCED BY ARIZONA REP. STACEY TRAVERS			
6	WHEREAS, the ab	ility to access and maintain secure, reliable, affordable high-speed			
7 8	internet is essential to the success of our Country; to our families, our businesses, our government services; and				
9 10		st evolve to reflect a 21st-century digital reality. The benefit of I access is three-fold:			
11 12		y and resilience – advanced networks improve emergency saster recovery, and cybersecurity;			
13 14 15	business gro	rowth and innovation – enhanced broadband access fuels local wth, remote work, STEM education, and telehealth, and upgrading e boosts U.S. competitiveness in the global digital economy;			
16 17		e digital divide – access to new technologies is uneven, leaving -income populations behind; and			
18 19		insformation is not just a technical upgrade, it is a necessary step isive, connected, and competitive society; and			
20	WHEREAS, today,	digital inclusion depends not just on basic connectivity, but on			
21	robust, high-speed,	and scalable internet infrastructure; and			
22 23	WHEREAS, a mod fully participate in d	ernized infrastructure can prioritize and ensure all Americans can igital life; and			
24	WHEREAS, Congr	ess recognized the importance of universal service as a cornerstone			
25	of the Communicat	ons Act of 1934, requiring incumbent telecom providers to serve all			
26	households in their	service area; and			

- 27 WHEREAS, Congress created the Universal Service Fund (USF) in the
- Telecommunications Act of 1996 to ensure continued support for universal service in a
- 29 competitive market; and
- 30 WHEREAS, the USF, while created to ensure affordable access to telecommunications
- 31 for all Americans, is increasingly outdated in the face of rapidly evolving digital
- 32 technologies; and
- WHEREAS, the USF continues to rely heavily on declining revenues from traditional telecommunications services, and its funding mechanisms and focus areas—primarily voice services—are increasingly misaligned with current connectivity needs, rendering its funding model unsustainable; and
- 37 WHEREAS, as broadband internet becomes as essential as electricity, and emerging
- technologies redefine connectivity, it is imperative that the USF evolve to meet modern
- 39 demands; and
- 40 WHEREAS, despite USF programs like E-Rate and Lifeline, millions of Americans—
- 41 especially in rural areas—still lack access to reliable, high-speed internet; and
- WHEREAS, by expanding support to include the next generation's communication
 technologies, we move closer to securing closure of the digital divide, strengthening
 national competitiveness, and upholding the fund's foundational mission of equitable
 access; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Conference of State
 Legislatures urges Congress to prioritize reform and to modernize the USF framework
- to align with contemporary and future connectivity needs, so that the USF can fulfill its
- 49 mission of universal access and ensure that no American is left behind in the digital age.

1 2	COMMITTEE:	TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (JOINT WITH HEALTH AS LEAD)		
3	POLICY:	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTH CARE		
4 5 6 7	TYPE:	NEW RESOLUTION; INTRODUCED BY HEALTH COMMITTEE AND HEALTH INNOVATIONS TASK FORCE		
8 9 10	WHEREAS, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in health care presents significant opportunities to enhance patient care, improve health outcomes, address workforce shortages and increase operational efficiencies;			
11 12	WHEREAS, states are at the forefront of developing and implementing AI policies tailored to their unique health care needs and challenges;			
13 14 15	WHEREAS, robust data privacy and security measures must be enforced to protect patient information used in AI systems, in compliance with existing federal and state regulations;			
16 17 18 19	WHEREAS, AI technologies must undergo validation appropriate to the level of risk they present, with particularly higher risk healthcare applications—subject to rigorous, ongoing evaluation to assess and verify their performance, reliability, fairness and safety prior to deployment;			
20 21		and the federal government must work together to balance the need cy without stifling innovation;		
22 23 24 25	preemption of state	of state legislative and regulatory activity in this area, federal Al laws and regulations could interfere with state efforts to create the unique needs of their residents and businesses.		
26 27	·	E, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Conference of State the federal government to:		

28	•	Collaborate with states to develop guidelines for the reasonable and
29		trustworthy use of AI, including transparency in AI decision-making processes
30		and accountability mechanisms for AI developers, deployers and users;
31	•	Incorporate insights and best practices from state-level initiatives in
32		establishing any federal framework for the regulation of AI in health care;
33	•	Work with states, standards development organizations and federal partners
34		to advance standardized protocols for data sharing and interoperability,
35		ensuring that AI systems can securely and efficiently access and utilize health
36		data across state lines;
37	•	Support initiatives such as model cards and nutrition labels and/or other
38		formats that convey source attribute information to ensure consistent and
39		standard transparency of AI developers;
40	٠	Work with states to adopt plain language descriptions of the logic and
41		rationale for AI applications (including attributes defining the intended use and
42		inappropriate use of the model, the testing data sets used for developing the
43		model, and the results of feasibility and real-world testing) used by
44		Al/Machine Learning so the functionality, risk, potential bias, and signs of
45		model drift are easily understood by end users.
46	•	Provide financial and regulatory support for initiatives that ensure developers
47		have safe access to diverse data sets and initiatives that allow models to be
48		trained and tested on robust data appropriate to the populations for whom the
49		models will be used;
50	•	Collaborate with states to support the development of a diverse and skilled AI
51		workforce in health care;
52	•	Partner with states on financial investments in education and training
53		programs to equip health care professionals with the skills needed to
54		effectively and responsibly use AI technologies;
55	•	Work with states and standards development organizations to develop federal
56		standards for AI performance monitoring and evaluation to keep AI systems
57		reliable, fair and safe over time. This may include local, recurrent validation
58		(process of ongoing technical checks and improvements after deployment)

- 59and post-market surveillance (monitoring real-world impact and user safety)60of AI systems.
- Consult with states as they debate and develop AI legislation and regulations,
 paying particular attention to how any federal law or regulation will impact
 state laws governing AI. Federal laws and regulations in the AI space should
 establish a strong national policy floor, set a consistent and aligned baseline
 of rights, safety and accountability while preserving states' ability to adopt
 additional protections in their own laws as needed; and
- Ensure that federal AI legislation and regulation does not usurp states' ability
 to legislate and regulate in areas that traditionally rest under the oversight of
 states and local governments; and

70 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of

the United States, all members of Congress, and all relevant federal and state officials.