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STATEMENT: Gottheimer Statement on White House AI Framework

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, March 20, 2026, U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5) released the following statement:

“Today, the White House released its AI framework which broadly blocks state AI laws and lacks key consumer protections around AI models and agent safety. While this framework takes steps in the right direction, including child safety and lower energy costs, it is still a half-measure that falls short of what’s necessary for ‘Smart AI’ regulation. AI is too important, — and too vital to our global competitiveness, economy, jobs, and families — to do anything short of a full-measure.

Unfortunately, the White House framework fails to address key issues, including strong accountability for AI companies, under the guise of protecting children, communities, and creators. Americans need protection — but this means nothing if we allow the AI industry to be the Wild West.

Preemption only makes sense if federal law effectively replaces what states have built with a standard that is truly comprehensive and protects Americans.

Simply put, this framework still has a long way to go. Voluntary standards won’t do the trick. In addition to commonsense guardrails, we need serious solutions that address workforce

challenges, better incentives for STEM education, enhanced protections against deepfakes, safe and secure AI models and agents, and guarantees that all Americans reap the massive benefits AI offers.

We are in a Cold War-era-style race with China, and we must win — both for our economy and our national security. If done the right way, the potential for areas like health care, education, and government efficiency are boundless. But, we have to win it the right way. I'm working with my colleagues to develop a commonsense framework that will create clear and consistent rules of the road which both protect Americans and allow our AI industry to lead the way."

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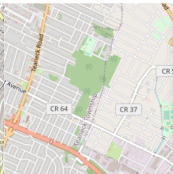
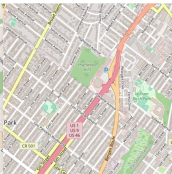
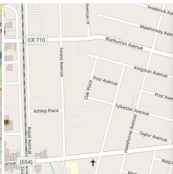
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