

TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE

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House Technology and Innovation Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chair Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the millions of taxpayers and consumers we represent, the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) writes to express its support for HB 392. HB 392 takes the proper approach to addressing regulations concerning artificial intelligence (AI).

From public discourse to social interactions to entertainment to business, digital technologies are becoming ever more present in modern life. HB 392 is significant as a measure that would establish Ohio as a leader among states in securing liberty, prosperity, and the economic and other benefits of innovation for its residents.

Proposals to regulate AI have proliferated in state legislatures in recent years. In 2025 alone, state legislatures considered more than 1,000 AI-related bills. Many states have chosen a heavy-handed approach that would stifle innovation and harm consumers, but HB 392 is a laudable exception. This bill takes the proper approach: it seeks to protect individuals' and entrepreneurs' rights to make the most of their talents and opportunities without foreclosing common-sense consumer protection measures based on tried-and-true principles of existing law. This approach will do much to promote Ohio as a place of economic and technological dynamism—for innovators and consumers alike—in the 21st century.

Allowing for the creation of new digital technologies would be a boon to economic liberties, which is a significant recommendation in favor of HB 392. But digital technologies—especially AI—promise great economic benefits as well. They will power economic dynamism and efficiency, making existing businesses more productive, facilitating the entry of new businesses (and thus promoting innovation and competition), and spurring on the creation of new jobs. These benefits will be enjoyed across industries, as companies reduce logistical bottlenecks, small entrepreneurs use new tools to open new kitchen-table businesses, and healthcare professionals find new cures for old diseases. Consumers will reap the benefits of cheaper and higher-quality goods and services.

AI will also improve the state's capacity to provide first-class government services to its population and can improve the operation of essential, life-saving services. For example, cities like Washington, D.C., are using AI tools to optimize their 911 emergency line by using AI agents to respond to non-emergency calls, allowing them to navigate chronic understaffing issues.¹ Recently, AI company Anthropic and the United Kingdom's government announced a partnership in which they will be developing an AI agent that will allow its citizens to better navigate government services and connect them to the right agencies and programs for their specific needs.² The future of good governance will be defined through a government's capability to leverage AI, in a similar way in which governments are required to have a website or email access today.

In the U.S. federalist system, the states are often referred to as laboratories of democracy. By enacting HB 392, Ohio has the chance to demonstrate the salutary results of ensuring the Right to Compute to its residents and entrepreneurs—and thus to serve as a model for other state lawmakers nationwide.

TPA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the debates on these important matters and welcomes the opportunity for further communication with members of the Committee as well as staff in the future.

Sincerely,



David Williams
President

¹ <https://www.govtech.com/em/preparedness/tri-cities-in-wash-turn-to-ai-for-understaffed-911-dispatch#:~:text=Staff%20will%20reportedly%20save%20three,calls%20made%20directly%20to%20911.>

² <https://www.anthropic.com/news/gov-UK-partnership>