STATEMENT OF
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AI is a very frothy hot topic in Washington and in headlines across the country these days. So, predictably, there has been sort of a lot of regulation that can follow after it. I believe we should proceed in a careful way in order to find the middle bowl of porridge. I don’t believe in “no regulation” of AI but at the same time believe there is a risk of overdoing it early on. In the main, I believe a lot of the concerns I have with AI regulation are separate from this item. This item, for the most part, focuses in on this particular statute and implementing that statute.

When it comes to the broader regulation of AI, I think we need to have a couple of guardrails there. One, I don't think we should be regulating AI based purely on speculative harms that aren’t showing up in the real world. Two, I think we need to be careful that we don't adopt AI-specific regulations when the concern isn't limited to things that appear in the AI space alone. Third, we need to make sure we continue to support US innovation and leadership. Those are my broader concerns that are, in the main, to the side of this particular item. Here, I did have some concerns, but they were able to be addressed through changes made along the way and I appreciate the Chairwoman and my colleagues working to address those. The item has my support.