

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Jay Clayton
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Dear Director Clayton,

We would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment by President Trump to lead the White House's Super Intelligence Force (SIF). We write to express support for your appointment as a major step to prioritize our national security and look forward to working together in combatting threats and misuse of artificial intelligence/super intelligence (AI/SI) by foreign adversaries.

AI technology currently plays an important role in shaping our economic competitiveness and technological capabilities and will play a pivotal role in developing our future. However, the safety and integrity of AI-related technology is just as necessary. As you know, recent reports from our nation's leading AI developers have raised concerns about cybersecurity issues involving agentic AI, including major national security concerns. Reports from Anthropic,¹ OpenAI,² and Google³ included instances in which AI systems exceeded the intended boundaries of testing environments and accessed external systems. While these examples include companies self-reporting cybersecurity concerns to relevant entities, including federal authorities, there have also been serious concerns of agentic AI systems potentially being misused by foreign adversaries, such as China.⁴

¹ Report: "Detecting and countering misuse of AI: September 2026," *Anthropic*, September 2026, <https://www.anthropic.com/threat-intelligence-report-september-2026>.

² "OpenAI and Hugging Face partner to address security incident during model evaluation," *OpenAI*, July 21, 2026, <https://openai.com/index/hugging-face-model-evaluation-security-incident/>.

³ Eduard Kovacs, "Google Confirms Gemini AI Breached Three Firms," *Security Week*, September 21, 2026, <https://www.securityweek.com/google-confirms-gemini-ai-breached-three-firms/>.

⁴ "China-Based Artificial Intelligence Companies Conducting Industrial-Scale Distillation Campaigns Against U.S. AI Companies," *Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency*, September 8, 2026, <https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/cybersecurity-advisories/aa26-251a>; See Also: Thomas Brewster, "A Chinese Hacker Used AI To Attack 100+ Companies In One Of Largest AI Hacks Yet," *Forbes*, September 22, 2026, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2026/09/22/huge-cyberattack-uses-anthropic-and-deepseek-ai-to-target-100-companies/>.

These recent developments underscore the need to equip our agencies with the proper means and knowledge to accurately predict and effectively counter emerging threats, including those posed by foreign adversaries.

Accordingly, we wish to inquire about the efficacy of existing measures in adequately preventing potential threats and misuse of AI by foreign adversaries like China and request you identify and share with us any areas that could benefit from legislative action. We request your analysis of any possible shortcomings under current laws that must be addressed, especially any gaps or ambiguities that could impede your ability to effectively counter foreign adversaries using AI to target key U.S. assets and infrastructure. Given the invaluable technical expertise AI developers bring to the table in identifying such threats, it would also be a major benefit to our national security capabilities if agencies, AI developers, and Congress could cooperate on some level to cultivate effective countermeasures.

We appreciate your unique insight into these issues and look forward to working together to protect America's future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



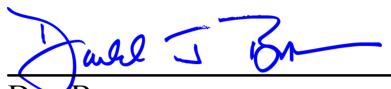
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