FUND RESEARCH ON SAFE AI

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS artificial intelligence (AI) is advancing faster than public policy and reshaping Ontario's economy, democracy, and daily life; and

WHEREAS nearly 15% of Ontario jobs are at high risk of automation and another 30% face significant disruption, leaving over 3 million workers exposed; and

WHEREAS cybersecurity risks are increasing, with 80% of Canadian organizations reporting AI-related attacks costing on average over $6 million; and

WHEREAS AI-driven disinformation and bot networks have targeted elections worldwide, including in Canada, undermining democratic integrity; and

WHEREAS most AI research is driven by corporate profit, leaving public safety, democracy, and worker protections under-addressed; and

WHEREAS Ontario's public colleges and universities have world-class expertise that should be supported to develop policies ensuring AI is safe, beneficial, and democratically governed;

THEREFORE we, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to create a grant program for researchers at Ontario's public colleges and universities to investigate and develop policy proposals for ensuring AI is safe and beneficial for all as its capabilities are scaled beyond human levels, with a particular focus on job displacement, democratic integrity, and loss of control risks.

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