

AI must serve humanity and not vice versa. AI regulation must protect the public first and foremost — ensuring we reap the benefits of AI, while minimizing risk and mitigating economic impacts on workers. We should avoid hampering technological progress unnecessarily, but we must not repeat the mistakes of social media and data privacy, where we allowed a technology to go completely unregulated, thus harming the public. I'm the only candidate in this race who's shown the ability and determination to take on Big Tech and pass real regulation with my AI safety law — a law that's being replicated and built on in other states.

Data centers must be well-regulated, and we must avoid a data center Wild West, where they locate in inappropriate locations and raise electric bills. However, a blanket data center moratorium could undermine AI regulation and harm the many industries, including non-AI industries, that rely on data centers to function. AI companies will — and already are — building data centers overseas, which removes potential leverage to enact future regulations. We need good land use rules to stop data centers from locating in inappropriate locations that harm the public. We must also require data centers to either generate their own clean energy, or pay for significant electric grid upgrades, so consumers don't incur higher electric bills. And we need to ensure data centers don't impact already scarce water supplies — for example, having them rely on recycled water.