

December 19, 2018

The Honorable Richard Burr
Chairman
U.S. Select Committee on Intelligence
211 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Burr:

We are writing to you regarding the recently established National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence.¹ We understand that you are responsible for appointing a member of the Commission.²

We urge you to nominate to the Commission computer scientists and public interest representatives who have endorsed the Universal Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence.³

The Universal Guidelines “are intended to maximize the benefits of AI, minimize the risk, and ensure the protection of human rights.”⁴ The Universal Guidelines set forth principles to guide the design, development, and deployment of AI. The Universal Guidelines also reflect the insights of many experts in the AI field.

The Guidelines have been widely endorsed by leading computer scientists and technical organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the foremost scientific association in the United States.

It is vitally important that the National Security Commission include members who can represent the interests of the American public on AI.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Electronic Privacy Information Center is an independent, non-partisan research organization established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging privacy issues.

² John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Public Law No: 115-232, § 1051.

³ A full list of endorsers is available at The Public Voice, *Universal Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence: Endorsement*, <https://thepublicvoice.org/AI-universal-guidelines/endorsement>.

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