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To Whom It May Concern:

We write today as concerned current and former Democratic campaign staff, committed to the project of taking back Congress, fighting back against President Trump, and defending our democracy. As artificial intelligence (AI) rapidly advances and creates new threats to workers, artists, creators, consumers, and fair elections, it has become increasingly clear that MAGA allies in the AI industry are funneling historic sums of money into American politics to line their pockets by avoiding any regulation. As the Democratic staffers who work to advance our party's mission on the campaign trail and off, to make a better future for us all, we urge you to reject money or endorsements from the MAGA-aligned AI super PAC, Leading the Future, and its affiliate, Think Big PAC.

While AI is still an evolving technology, its impact on the American public is already visible and unpopular. AI companies have trained their models on the work of journalists, artists, creators, and skilled American workers with the promise that their technology will someday replace human labor. American youth are increasingly exposed to chatbots designed to form addictive relationships with a history of recommending self-harm, violence, and other destructive behaviors. AI-generated media is being deployed in our elections to propagate false stories about candidates. And the ability of AI agents to scam, hack, and deceive is advancing at a rapid pace.

This is the story of a technology that poses extreme risks to the public and that requires clear guardrails to protect Americans and create accountability for tech companies that fail to adhere to basic safeguards.

Facing the threat of regulation, MAGA billionaires in the AI industry who want their power to remain unfettered and unchecked are funneling millions of dollars into the super PAC Leading the Future to influence our elections. The president of OpenAI, one of the top donors to the pro-Trump super PAC MAGA Inc., is a primary funder behind Leading the Future. Top Trump donor and advisor Marc Andreesen, also backs the project. Leading the Future is explicit about this mission, opposing "efforts that compromise [AI's] benefits by unduly constraining or delaying AI development in the United States."

That mission is fundamentally at odds with the Democratic Party's core values. We are a party that values people over unchecked regressive power, that believes in the role of government in reigning in corporate greed, and that advocates for accountability and fairness in our economy.

Accepting the endorsement and funding of Big Tech super PACs attempting to block rational AI safeguards is a direct threat to those core values. AI poses a generational set of policy questions

to our lawmakers, which our candidates must answer with sound policies that put people first, without the undue influence of unelected Silicon Valley billionaires.

Not only does accepting money and endorsements from Leading the Future threaten our party's ability to pursue a thoughtful policy agenda, but it is also bad politics. As campaign staff, we are regularly in touch with voters and volunteers in states and districts across the country. American voters want candidates willing to *take on* Big Tech and AI, not politicians bought by Silicon Valley interests. Our experiences on the campaign trail are proven out by poll after poll, which show that a super majority of American voters want reasonable AI regulations that will keep them and their families safe.

The Democratic Party has an opportunity to champion the cause with inspiring proposals that protect workers, students, families, and consumers in the AI era. But that leadership is bound to fall short as long as candidates and party leaders look to far right AI super PACs for their support. In a world where relevant Democratic committee chairs, caucus leaders, and congressional commission chairs have all received the explicit support from MAGA-backed pro-AI super PACs like Leading the Future, voters need a reason to trust that the Democratic Party will take a leading role in sensibly regulating this rapidly advancing technology.

We urge you, as candidates and party leaders, to reject endorsements and funding from Leading the Future and Think Big PAC as their funders attempt to buy our elections and dictate our future. Allowing far right tech billionaires to continue moving fast and breaking things in the AI era threatens to break the people and the democracy you took an oath to protect. This moment calls for strong political leadership and an explicit rejection of the tech industry's efforts to buy our elections.

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