"The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) applauds Senators Young and Cantwell for introducing the Future of AI Innovation Act (FAIIA). Ensuring the United States remains a leader in AI requires not only the investment of industry and the engagement of academia, but also the singular convening power of the U.S. government. To ensure the United States remains a global leader in AI, we must empower NIST and its subagency, the Center for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI). NIST is uniquely positioned to develop the guidance and benchmarks necessary for AI development, utilizing specialized expertise to assess national security risks.

"While NIST's influence internationally is unmatched, it currently lacks the resourcing of peers like the UK AI Security Institute, which has 10x more staff and 10x more funding. This legislation provides needed authorities for CAISI, which has already broken ground collaborating across industry, civil society, and academia through the NIST AI Consortium, of which SIIA is a proud member. The FAIIA would also create AI testbeds, promote cooperation across the federal science agencies, advance international collaboration in standards and research, and tap into the ingenuity of the American public through curated public datasets and grand challenges. These programs will create pathways for new public-private partnerships and accelerate AI innovation.

"We urge the Senate to move swiftly on this bill and look forward to working with Congress to realize the vision of its sponsors. The importance of this effort cannot be overstated and has implications for mitigating national security risks and promoting trusted U.S. AI tech abroad," **said Paul Lekas, Executive Vice President & Head of Global Public Policy & Government Affairs, Software & Information Industry Association.**

"We are pleased to see the bipartisan reintroduction of the Future of AI Innovation Act. This legislation remains a critical framework for steering AI toward positive outcomes by fostering groundbreaking research, unlocking public data, and establishing the voluntary standards and safety mechanisms necessary for American leadership in AI. We previously supported this bill for its proactive approach to innovation, and we urge Congress to move swiftly to pass it this session to ensure a transformative and competitive future for AI in the United States," **said Hodan Omaar, Senior Policy Manager, Center for Data Innovation, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.**

"American leadership in AI means nothing if the models we develop can't be trusted. The Future of Artificial Intelligence Innovation Act builds the governance architecture to ensure they can be, by codifying federal standards and testing infrastructure, standing up a cross-sector consortium around AI safety best practices, strengthening research security, creating international alliances around AI standards and R&D, and drawing a clear line against influence by foreign adversaries. We urge Congress to pass this bill and follow it up with legislation that addresses AI's full impact on American workers and families," **said Brendan Steinhauser, CEO, The Alliance for Secure AI.**

"The Future of Artificial Intelligence Innovation Act strengthens the partnerships needed to power American innovation and will help ensure the United States remains at the forefront of the global AI race," **said Brad Carson, President, Americans for Responsible Innovation**. "By deepening collaboration among government, industry, academia, and civil society—and supporting NIST-led standards and national lab testbeds—the bill creates the conditions for breakthrough AI research and sustained U.S. leadership."

"The Future of AI Innovation Act recognizes a critical fact: the foundation of American AI leadership is institutional, not just industrial.

"Authorizing the Center for Artificial Intelligence Standards and Innovation at NIST, standing up joint testbeds across NIST, NSF, and the Department of Energy with private sector partners, and launching grand challenges for AI in science and advanced manufacturing — this is the kind of connective tissue between government, industry, and the research community that we need, and it will compound over decades.

"We commend Senators Young and Cantwell for their continued leadership on this bill and look forward to seeing it across the finish line," **said Austin Carson, Founder & CEO, SeedAI.**