

Support for the Algorithmic Accountability Act of 2023

- **Access Now**
 - “The hype around AI is new, but the harms are not, particularly their impact on vulnerable communities. Discrimination and inequality are only accelerating as the race for more automation barrels forward, unchecked. We need transparency, accountability, and strict obligations on those developing and deploying automated systems – and when these systems are incompatible with human rights, they should be banned. The Algorithm Accountability Act empowers people and regulators in the fight against opaque companies that determine so much about our daily lives.” -Willmary Escoto, U.S. Policy Counsel for Access Now
- **Accountable Tech**
 - “The Algorithmic Accountability Act is a critical first step toward addressing the faulty and biased black-box systems that are increasingly determining the fate of Americans – often erecting new, invisible barriers for already-marginalized communities – by giving regulators the ability to better identify and hold accountable companies who are automating unlawful discrimination and other societal harms.”
- **Anti-Defamation League**
 - "As AI and generative AI systems become mainstreamed and popularized, we must ensure there are appropriate safeguards put in place. We have already seen how social media platforms leverage AI-powered systems without any real accountability and, at times, spread hate and antisemitism as a result. We need transparency into how these systems operate and guardrails around what they can and cannot do. Senator Wyden's Algorithmic Accountability Act is an important effort to provide the public with needed information on how these systems are being used and the assurance that companies are monitoring the impacts of these new technologies." -Yaël Eisenstat, Vice President of the ADL’s Center for Tech & Society
- **Aerica Shimizu Banks, Founder and Principal at Shiso, an intersectional equity consulting firm.**
- **Center for Democracy and Technology**
- **Color of Change**
- **Consumer Reports**
 - "Poorly designed algorithms can result in inaccurate outcomes, inconsistent results, serious discriminatory impacts, and other harms. The Algorithmic Accountability Act is an important foundation to provide researchers and policymakers with the tools to identify who can be impacted by these emerging

technologies and how. We look forward to continue working with the sponsors of the bill to seek out the most effective ways to mitigate algorithmic harm." -Justin Brookman, Director of Technology Policy at Consumer Reports.

- **Fight for the Future**

- **Electronic Privacy Information Center**

- "At many of the most important moments of our lives—when we're applying for jobs, housing, loans, college—we are screened and scored by opaque algorithms, often without even knowing it. And the algorithms often reflect judgments that reinforce bias and inequities in our society. There is little transparency on how these algorithms work, and there is rarely accountability for discriminatory outcomes. The Algorithmic Accountability Act of 2022 will change that by establishing crucial transparency measures to safeguard against discriminatory algorithms. EPIC is proud to support the Algorithmic Accountability Act."
-Caitriona Fitzgerald, Deputy Director at EPIC.

- **Encode Justice**

- **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers**

- **Montreal AI Ethics Institute**

- **National Hispanic Media Coalition**

- **New America's Open Technology Institute**

- "OTI is excited to support this bill, which will require companies to conduct impact assessments for bias and effectiveness and lay the groundwork for the broad adoption of this important accountability mechanism." -Prem Trivedi, Policy Director, New America's Open Technology Institute.

- **US Public Interest Research Group**

- **Vera (formerly Parity AI)**

- "The need for action on regulating AI has never been clearer, nor more urgent than it is now. The rapid rise of generative AI has created a host of new safety concerns that put our country's most vulnerable at risk of invisible discrimination in housing, finance, insurance, employment, and beyond. The team at Vera welcomes this legislation as an important step towards rebalancing the scales of power in favor of the public." -Liz O'Sullivan, Vera CEO.