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Allyson Knox is Senior Director of Education and Workforce Policy at Microsoft, where she leads federal and state policy engagement on AI in education, digital opportunity, rural education, computer science, and cybersecurity workforce development. Since joining Microsoft in 2004, she has built national partnerships with organizations including the American Association of Community Colleges, Future Farmers of America (FFA), National 4-H, National PTA, and the AFL-CIO to expand AI and cybersecurity skills training and strengthen the U.S. talent pipeline.

Knox established and now manages Microsoft's AI Skills and Workforce Roundtable to enhance congressional and administration staff understanding of AI's workforce impact. She has testified before Congress and participated in national policy forums, including Senate and House hearings on emerging technology, student privacy, and workforce development.

Prior to Microsoft, Knox held leadership roles at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Michigan State University Extension, and the Michigan Community Service Commission, focusing on workforce innovation, economic development, and community partnerships. She holds a Master of Education in Technology in Education from Harvard University, a Master of Arts in Adult Education from Michigan State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Michigan.