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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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Washington, D.C.

The interview in the above matter was held in room 164, Cannon House Office Building, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

1 happened to a real person when it didn't.

2 Q Is that another example of a harmful application or a potential harm from
3 AI?

4 A That's a potential harm, correct.

5 Q Are you familiar with an incident at the beginning of this year where
6 pornographic AI-generated images of Taylor Swift were spread on social media?

7 A I read that in the news, yes.

8 Q Is that another example of a potentially harmful application of AI?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Is that kind of application of AI something that Google's principles are hoping
11 to address or prevent?

12 A Yes, yeah, covered in safety and harm. Uh-huh.

13 Q And why is it important generally for Google to limit the potential harm of AI
14 technologies that it custom develops?

15 A We are a business. If we harm our customers, we will lose customers.
16 And so, from a business perspective, it is the right thing to do, to make sure our
17 technology is safe, useful, inclusive of as many people as possible.

18 Q And it's fair to say that Google wants to be inclusive of as many as people as
19 possible to get as many customers as possible?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you think that the AI principles help Google accomplish that goal?

22 A I do.

23 Q During your work on the working group with the AI principles, did anybody
24 from the U.S. Government tell you that you had to adopt AI principles?

25 A No.

1 Q Did anyone from the U.S. Government tell you what to put in the AI
2 principles?

3 A No.

4 Q Did Google adopt its AI principles as a result of coercion or pressure from
5 any external stakeholders?

6 A No.

7 Q You mentioned earlier that you founded the Responsible Innovation team
8 because these AI principles needed governance. Is that right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Could you explain what you meant by that? What do you mean by
11 "governance," and why do they need them?

12 A I'll start with the second question first. Based on the same concept of
13 "engineers don't intend to cause harm, don't intend to be unfair to anyone," that process
14 can help ensure that that's true, that we can make sure that we're building guardrails into
15 technology.

16 So, similar to AI principles, I don't believe anyone at Google was trying to violate
17 or never wanted to follow the AI principles, but we're not all experts -- like, I'm not an
18 expert in privacy. If I was building a product, I would need help to understand what
19 privacy is. So the principles help establish what to look out for and what teams to work
20 with.

21 So that was the need for it, is the AI principles are meaningless if they're just up
22 there and people don't know how to apply them. So that was the starting point, really,
23 to make them meaningful.

24 And then my governance approach -- again, coming from a user research
25 background, I conducted a lot of research about what does good governance look like and