Questions for the Record from Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA) for Adam Thierer AI at a Crossroads: A Nationwide Strategy or Californication? Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 1. Although AI has received great deal of attention for its potential to drive economic growth, many have also been considering what role AI will have in national security. What areas of AI hold the greatest promise for national security and defense?
  - a. <u>Follow up</u>: What national security risks are posed by overzealous state AI regulations?
- 2. What would be the likely risks and impacts be if a state—such as California—issued regulations that barred the development of AI systems for military or other applications that are integral to the United States' economic and strategic competition with rival or adversarial powers?
  - a. <u>Follow up</u>: What should Congress be most focused on concerning economic and strategic competition with the People's Republic of China in the global AI race?