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## GOP governors urge Thune to nix AI moratorium

A letter from 17 GOP governors is the biggest show of force against the provision so far.

A group of 17 Republican governors [asked Senate Majority Leader John Thune and Speaker Mike Johnson](#) on Friday to remove a 10-year moratorium on enforcing state and local artificial intelligence laws from the GOP's megabill.

In the biggest show of Republican resistance to the provision so far, the governors warned the language would undo existing state efforts to protect their citizens from the harm the technology could cause, and criticized the lack of “thoughtful” public debate over the measure.

“While the legislation overall is very strong, there is one small portion of it that threatens to undo all the work states have done to protect our citizens from the misuse of artificial intelligence,” the governors wrote. “We are writing to encourage congressional leadership to strip this provision from the bill before it goes to President Trump’s desk for his signature.”

The letter was signed by the governors of Arkansas, Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

The letter comes as [the first Senate vote on the megabill is expected Saturday](#). The provision is expected to face a bipartisan push on the floor to strip it from the bill. The Senate parliamentarian [signed off on a rewritten and narrowed version](#) of the moratorium on Friday.

A small bloc of GOP senators — most notably Sens. Josh Hawley (Mo.), Marsha Blackburn (Tenn.) and Rand Paul (Ky.) — oppose the moratorium for infringing on states’ rights and others are thought to harbor reservations as well. It would take four Republicans joining with the Democrats to remove the provision.

A bipartisan group of 40 state attorneys general previously [voiced opposition to the AI moratorium](#) in a mid-May letter.

Lead Art: Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) is seen during a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, June 26, 2025. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

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