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To:
The Honorable Roger
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Chairman
House Committee on
Small Business
Washington, DC
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The Honorable Nydia
M. Velázquez
Ranking Member
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Re: Support for H.R. 5764, the AI for Mainstreet Act, and H.R. 5784, the AI WISE Act

Dear Chairman Williams, Ranking Member Velázquez, and Members of the Committee:

OpenAI appreciates the opportunity to submit this statement for the record for the Committee's markup of H.R. 5764, the AI for Mainstreet Act, and H.R. 5784, the AI WISE Act. Artificial intelligence is already helping small businesses across the country save time, reach new customers, and compete in a fast changing economy, yet many owners still lack the trusted guidance they need to adopt these tools safely and effectively. Our mission at OpenAI is to ensure that AI benefits all of humanity, which necessarily includes the entrepreneurs, shop owners, and local employers on Main Street, not only the largest firms. These bipartisan bills are important steps toward that goal.

OpenAI strongly supports H.R. 5764, the AI for Mainstreet Act. By amending the Small Business Act to direct Small Business Development Centers to help small businesses evaluate and adopt AI tools, the bill would put practical expertise directly within reach of entrepreneurs in every community. It would empower SBDCs to provide training, guidance, and outreach on how AI can improve day-to-day operations, strengthen cybersecurity, protect data and intellectual property, support regulatory compliance, and deepen customer trust, while drawing solely from existing SBA resources. We thank Representatives Mark Alford, Hillary Scholten, and Eugene Vindman for their leadership in introducing this bipartisan legislation and for their focus on the needs of Main Street.

OpenAI also strongly supports H.R. 5784, the Artificial Intelligence Wisdom for Innovative Small Enterprises (AI WISE) Act. This bill would require the Small Business Administration to develop and maintain clear educational resources and online learning modules that explain how AI tools work, their limitations and risks, how to identify AI-generated outputs, and how to stay current as this technology rapidly evolves. We are encouraged that the bill directs SBA to consult with NIST and an expert advisory working group, to engage resource partners such as SBDCs and Women's Business Centers, and to ensure that materials are actionable, accessible, and model neutral rather than favoring any one AI provider. We thank Representatives Troy Downing and Hillary

Scholten for recognizing that improving AI literacy is essential if small businesses are to harness AI's benefits while avoiding its pitfalls.

These bills align with key themes in [OpenAI's Workforce Blueprint](#) and our [submission](#) to the Office of Science and Technology Policy, which focus on ways that communities across the country—including the small businesses that anchor their Main Streets—can benefit from AI's economic upsides. Our AI infrastructure build-out is creating opportunities for construction and skilled-trade firms and for the restaurants and other small businesses that support them, and our OpenAI Certifications program aims to help 10 million Americans improve their AI skills by 2030 while giving businesses of all sizes greater confidence in hiring.

Later this week, OpenAI will host a "[Small Business Jam](#)" bringing together over 1,000 small business owners and experts across five cities to explore real-world AI use cases and share practical lessons about adoption, challenges, and safeguards. That convening is one example of how we are trying to learn from and support small businesses as they experiment with AI in their own operations. In our view, the AI for Mainstreet Act and the AI WISE Act would complement this kind of work by creating durable, nationwide infrastructure at SBA and its resource partners so that every small business, not just those able to attend one of our events, can access high-quality guidance.

OpenAI is committed to working with Congress, SBA, and stakeholders across the country to ensure that AI is developed and deployed in ways that are safe, beneficial, and widely accessible. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance H.R. 5764 and H.R. 5784, and we stand ready to serve as a resource as you continue examining how best to support small businesses in the age of AI.

Sincerely,

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