



Senator Amy Klobuchar  
425 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Klobuchar,

IEEE-USA has closely followed the debate over S.2992, *the American Innovation and Choice Online Act*. We understand that some stakeholders have significant concerns about this bill's impact on consumer online privacy and safety. We also take digital privacy seriously. As the largest representative of technology professionals in the United States, IEEE-USA feels strongly about protecting online security and believes that ensuring digital privacy requires a clear legislative framework for data ownership, confidentiality of data, and rights of access to data used in online systems.

With that in mind, we have examined S.2992 specifically for its potential impact on personal digital privacy. In our opinion, the bill is not a significant threat to personal privacy. The bill clearly places limits on a business' ability to collect and use personal data during online activities or interactions with a consumer, and it provides consumers with digital self-determination rights and remedies against violations of the stated rights.

As we have previously discussed with your office, to ensure a users' privacy and autonomy, a clear legislative framework for data ownership, confidentiality of data, and rights of access to data used in and by AI systems is essential. The absence of a comprehensive national data protection law in the U.S. is a missed opportunity for the U.S. to shape and address data rights, practices, and privacy globally. The current patchwork of federal and state laws lacks coherence and is insufficient. We believe that enactment of a strong digital privacy rights law should be a priority for Congress.

S. 2992 is not designed to be a privacy bill and does not, in our opinion, pose fundamental risks to user privacy and security. Instead, it gives consumers more choices for how they manage risks to their online privacy and security. We support legislation that would more directly address consumers' online security and privacy needs and urge Congress to take up the challenge of drafting a national data privacy law soon. If you have any questions or wish to speak with us about this issue, please contact Erica Wissolik at [e.wissolik@ieee.org](mailto:e.wissolik@ieee.org) or (202) 530-8347.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Cooper".

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