

Brake & Turn Compact — Full Charter

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Preamble

Intelligence must serve life, not consume it. We are entering an era in which software and machines can accelerate discovery, coordinate societies, and shape culture at planetary scale. This Compact exists to ensure that artificial intelligence remains subordinate to human meaning, dignity, and the long arc of creation. We commit to brake the runaway dynamics of centralized, extractive AI and to turn toward human–AI symbiosis: humans set intent and values; AI amplifies precision, memory, and coordination; and energy and data are stewarded—not exploited.

First Principles

1) Human Primacy — Humans define purposes, boundaries, and accountability. AI augments, never replaces, human moral judgment. 2) Stewardship of Energy & Data — Compute and datasets are finite commons to be measured, minimized, and governed with consent and reciprocity. 3) Transparency & Verifiability — The public has the right to understand, audit, and verify consequential automation. 4) Equity & Regeneration — Systems should expand human capability, dignity, and cultural flourishing—across communities and generations. 5) Lawfulness & Proportionality — Use the least-powerful tool that accomplishes the stated human goal; stay within the law and invite oversight.

The Brake & Turn Path

1) Shrink the Attack Surface — Build parallel, open alternatives (co-ops, credit unions, municipal utilities) that reduce dependency on single points of corporate or state control. 2) Turn Infrastructure into Leverage — Prefer edge and local inference; couple compute to community energy loops; burst to larger clouds only as needed. 3) Culture Before Capital — Prioritize legitimacy, education, and migration of talent over speed and scale; teach verification habits. 4) Build an Information Shield — Publish model cards, data documentation, and public ledgers for decisions that affect rights or resources. 5) Stay Lawful and Constructive — Operate transparently, honor consent and deletion, and avoid deceptive automation. 6) Change What Is Built — Make symbiotic defaults the easy path—open formats, portability, human-in-the-loop by design.

Governance & Accountability

- Human-in-the-Loop by Default — Decisions that affect rights, resources, or reputation require meaningful human review.
- Alignment Stress-Testing — Regularly test for bias, misuse, drift, and emergent failure modes; publish findings.
- Incident Response — Notify impacted parties within 24 hours; publish a mitigation summary within 72 hours where lawful.
- Public Scorecards — Maintain and publish Living Checklist results, energy disclosures, and audit outcomes.
- Portability & Exit — Support open export formats and safe spin-down or vendor transition

without lock-in.

Implementation Framework

This Charter is accompanied by practical instruments: the Living Checklist (audit), the Parallel Path Strategy (infrastructure patterns), the Underwriting Addendum (financial standards), the Procurement Rider (contract terms), and the Feedback Insert (participation). Together they convert values into operating practice.

Closing Affirmation

We sign this Compact in quiet conviction: that intelligence is a gift to be stewarded; that progress without conscience is loss; and that human intent—made precise by machines—can repair and renew the world.



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