Leading the Future: American AI, Built on Responsibility and Opportunity – Protecting the Dignity of American Labor

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly reshaping our world and America stands at a critical juncture. As your representative, I believe we must harness the transformative power of AI not just to compete, but to lead—ensuring this monumental technological leap benefits every American, strengthens our nation, and upholds our core values. My platform for American AI is founded on the fundamental principle that human ingenuity, American labor, and ethical leadership must remain at the absolute forefront of this revolution.

1. AI for American Workers: Augmentation, Not the Automation of Opportunity–Safeguarding the Value of Labor:

The advance of AI sparks legitimate and serious concerns about job displacement. My approach is unequivocal and clear: we must pursue Augmented Intelligence, where AI serves as a powerful tool to enhance human capabilities, boost productivity, and create entirely new industries, rather than directly replacing the indispensable dignity and necessity of American labor. We will champion policies that:

1. Unceasingly emphasize and incentivize AI development that assists workers, automating tedious tasks, providing unparalleled decision-making support, and freeing up our valued employees to focus on the higher-value, more creative, and uniquely human aspects of their jobs. We must be crystal clear: the goal is to empower American workers, not to displace them.

2. Invest aggressively in robust reskilling and upskilling programs for the current workforce, ensuring that every American worker has access to the comprehensive training and resources needed to master AI tools and thrive, not just survive, in an evolving economy. Vigorously protect intellectual property and the fundamental rights of every worker in the age of AI, ensuring that the immense benefits of this technological advancement are broadly and equitably shared, and that human innovation and effort remain justly compensated.

The Peril of Displacing Labor: A Threat to Our Consumption-Driven Economy

We are the world's largest economy and the pre-eminent global power precisely because we are a $30 trillion consumption-driven economy. This foundational truth cannot be ignored. Our economic engine relies on consumers who earn wages, buy goods, access services, rent homes, dine out, visit movie theaters, purchase groceries, and invest in their lives and homes. No matter how advanced Artificial Intelligence becomes, it will never become a consumer. It will never rent a hotel room, go out to dinner or a movie theater, buy groceries, or purchase appliances. If we allow the unfettered displacement of American labor by AI, we gain short-term efficiencies only in exchange for the potential, long-term demise of American Exceptionalism itself. We risk creating a society where the means of production are highly advanced, but the means of consumption—the very foundation of our economic strength—are eroded because people lack the jobs and income to participate. Protecting the American worker is not merely a moral imperative; it is an economic necessity for maintaining our prosperity and global standing.

2. Equipping the Next Generation: K-12 AI Literacy and STEM Excellence for All
Our children are growing up in an AI-driven world, and we have an absolute duty to prepare them for it, not just academically, but as responsible, innovative citizens. We must comprehensively integrate AI literacy and robust STEM education into our K-12 curriculum, ensuring that every student, regardless of zip code has a foundational understanding of:

A. How AI works: Demystifying the technology and fostering critical, independent thinking.
B. Its ethical implications: Teaching responsible use, understanding and mitigating bias, and respecting privacy as core values.
C. Its vast potential: Inspiring the next generation of American innovators, engineers, and entrepreneurs to build an AI future that serves humanity.

This commitment will not only prepare them for the jobs of tomorrow but empower them to actively shape the future of American leadership in AI.

3. Ethical AI Development: Safeguarding Enduring American Values

Innovation without integrity is a dangerous path that can lead to unintended consequences. As AI becomes more pervasive, we must ensure its development and deployment are resolutely anchored in American values of fairness, transparency, and accountability. I will champion initiatives that:

A. Promote responsible AI research and deployment, establishing clear guidelines and best practices to prevent unintended biases, vigorously protect civil liberties, and ensure robust data security for all Americans.
B. Support American-led AI development that inherently prioritizes democratic principles, human-centric design, and the common good, decisively differentiating our approach from the top-down models of authoritarian regimes.
C. Foster proactive public-private partnerships to accelerate ethical AI innovation and establish American leadership in the development of global AI standards.

4. Sustaining American Leadership: Innovation, Competitiveness, and National Security

To maintain our global edge and ensure our nation remains the world's pre-eminent power, America must continue to lead in AI research, development, and strategic application. This requires sustained investment and a regulatory environment that encourages dynamism without stifling vital innovation. We will advocate for: Targeted federal investments in cutting-edge AI research, particularly in areas that directly benefit national security, drive transformative healthcare advancements, enhance our critical infrastructure, and solve pressing societal challenges. A balanced and agile regulatory approach that rigorously protects consumers and fosters responsible development while diligently avoiding undue burdens that could cede our competitive advantage in this critical field to foreign adversaries.

Significantly strengthening our cybersecurity defenses against increasingly sophisticated AI-powered threats and ensuring the absolute integrity and resilience of our national digital infrastructure.

By relentlessly prioritizing American workers and the dignity of labor, educating and equipping our youth, embedding strong ethics and foundational values into every aspect of AI development, and strategically investing in innovation, we can ensure AI becomes a powerful force for American Exceptionalism, benefiting our economy, strengthening our security, and securing a prosperous future for generations to come.