Dear Senator Dreyfus,

We have recently been following the debate on whether or not drones and humanoids should be used in order to complete policing operations. Like you, we oppose the idea of machines with artificial intelligence replacing our police and soldiers, and are pleased to hear that the president overturned the decision to repeal the Dreyfus Act.

For many years now, the United States has been using drones in other countries to try to eradicate global violence and terrorism, which in itself is hypocritical, since these drones are responsible for many deaths of civilians. These drones do not know the grave impact when they take an innocent human life, and this can lead to problems. This is where the main argument *for* humanoids such as Robocop Alex Murphy comes in: Murphy is supposedly not only in control of everything that he does, but he also supposedly in control of his emotions, like we humans are. However, Alex Murphy is in fact not in control; much of the time that he is on duty, he is in a state of *artificial* intelligence, in which his automatic robot self is in control. He is unable to separate the vast amount of police data from socially and legally acceptable actions, and although he is being advertised in the media as a human just as those who he is protecting are, he is truly a very poor excuse for a policeman.

The Detroit Police Department has the responsibility of protecting some of the most crime-infested streets in the country, as well as internal crime within the Department, such as bribery and extortion. The job being done by humans in terms of policing has been criticized time and time again for its biases and limitations—these problems are a driving force for the use of drone/humanoid officers. However, bad policemen can be replaced, and police department policies can be changed; laws can be changed in order to insure that police departments have efficiency and transparency. Also, humans giving robots the status of a police officer is putting something humans created and programmed above them; it just doesn’t make sense. It can be compared to a chef being controlled by a dish that he made.

Robots, however, are not exactly ethically useless in the police force. They could be integrated into guard strategies, motion detection, vaults, and security. This could also open up more jobs, since people can be hired to program and keep up with the robots.

We would like to thank you for your work in the Senate and hope that you take our ideas into consideration while you are working. We find the issue of cyber advancement and the future of robotics very important; it is vital that we learn how to manage our progress through technology in order to keep a balance between it and humanity.

Yours truly,

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