



**Senate Bill 2, An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence**  
General Law Committee  
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The Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce (CRVCC) represents the collective interests of more than 550 member companies and businesses serving Glastonbury, East Hartford, Hebron and Marlborough. CRVCC members employ thousands of workers across every sector of the economy in the Greater Hartford area; they support public policies that foster a strong economic climate and enhance a regional business environment. The Chamber is a thriving community of business leaders, entrepreneurs, and organizations dedicated to driving growth and success in the Connecticut River Valley.

Senate Bill 2 would regulate artificial intelligence and information technology, which could have significant consequences that adversely impact innovation, efficiencies and competition, productivity and the state's growing economy.

CRVCC appreciates the committee's recognition of the importance of ensuring ethical and responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) balanced against the need to support economic development.

CRVCC **supports several provisions of the bill** that promote AI development, including a regulatory sandbox in the Department of Economic and Community Development for AI innovation; a confidential computing cluster to expand the technology talent pipeline; requiring state agencies to evaluate how generative AI can enhance state services and improve employee performance; establishing a working group to study and make recommendations concerning AI adoption across private and public sectors; and prohibiting dissemination of synthetic intimate images.

CRVCC is concerned, however, about the regulatory burdens, costs of compliance and liability sections 1-10 of the bill would impose on small businesses. The standards of care, documentation requirements, statements and disclosures would be too challenging and onerous for many small businesses to comply with. Thus, CRVCC respectfully requests that the committee exempt small businesses from the application of those provisions of the bill.

AI has tremendous potential for fostering innovation, technological advancements and economic growth; enhancing creative expression; and creating new business opportunities. It is therefore critically important that public policy not hinder but promote the broad and equitable distribution of these innovations. Lawmakers are rightly concerned about civil rights abuses, particularly discrimination in housing, employment or lending. However, any regulation must be done with care so as not to stifle innovation and competition.

Extensive and onerous requirements in Senate Bill 2 could have the unintended effect of undermining competition and ultimately harming consumers.

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