



Conservatives
for
Property Rights

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Statement on National AI Policy Framework

The following statement regarding the Trump administration's National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“Conservatives for Property Rights commends the Trump administration’s policy framework for artificial intelligence. This framework contains several important protections of private property rights. These include safeguarding First Amendment free speech rights, sparing private residents from being saddled with AI data center costs, and promoting privacy, including one’s name, image and likeness.

“Regarding intellectual property rights, the framework recognizes that legal rights in one’s patents, copyrights and other IP must be strong enough to prevent or prevail against AI’s infringement. To date, the law regarding AI and IP is still being shaped in the courts. This common law process is appropriate, and the framework states that it should be allowed to proceed, applying the law in specific cases.

“One thing bears emphasizing: As Prof. Jonathan Barnett’s *The Big Steal* details, fair use doctrine under copyright and infringement of patented inventions have been dramatically distorted by judicial rulings. As my book *To Invent Is Divine* says, this wholesale weakening of constitutionally grounded, exclusive private property rights effectively denies creators and inventors a remedy against infringers, especially AI’s training on entire works without consent. This disincentivizes creativity and invention. The judiciary has severed meaningful ownership of the fruits of one’s labor. The law and policy should clearly restore secure ownership rights for innovators and creators.

“CPR agrees as to the importance of the United States maintaining global leadership in AI technology, just as U.S. leadership in other critical and emerging technologies is critical to America’s economic and national security. We stress the primary, vital role of reliable, enforceable IP to achieve that goal.”

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