

The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1064 (Bauer-Kahan) – Leading Ethical AI Development (LEAD) for Kids Act – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Caballero,

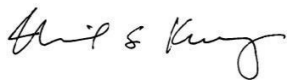
Omidyar Network, a California based philanthropic and investment organization committed to elevating humanity's interests and role in how technology is governed and held accountable, supports AB 1064, which would regulate certain AI systems that are accessed by children under the age of 18. Further, the measure would prohibit developers from producing products, namely AI companion chatbots, intended to be used by children.

Omidyar Network's philanthropic and investment efforts have continued for more than two decades and stem from our founder's work at two great California companies, PayPal and eBay. We envision a world where our shared humanity steers our digital future. So far, we have committed more than \$1.94 billion to initiatives that share our vision.

As noted in the Senate Judiciary Committee analysis, AI companion chatbots are being increasingly used across our society. While these chatbots can have many positive use cases there is increasing concern around the impact these chatbots may have on children. There are several examples where a child has developed a deep relationship with an AI chatbot and that use resulted in child users harming themselves.

We must work together to protect children as technology evolves. Increasing academic and health research shows that there were missed opportunities in protecting our children from negative harms of social media and other technologies that have been developed in the last twenty years. With this in mind, it is critical that we put protections in place to ensure that AI chatbots and other AI developments are developed and used in a manner that improves our lives and avoids negative impacts on children. **For these reasons, we respectfully request your support for this important measure.**

Sincerely,



Mike Kubzansky
CEO, Omidyar Network

cc: Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

