

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

RE: AB 316 (Krell) – Artificial intelligence: defenses – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Caballero,

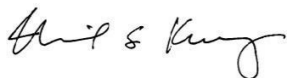
Omidyar Network, a California based philanthropic and investment organization committed to elevating humanity's interests and role in how technology is governed and held accountable, supports AB 316, which would prohibit a defendant who developed, modified, or used artificial intelligence from asserting a defense that artificial intelligence autonomously caused harm to the plaintiff.

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.

The rapid expansion and use of artificial intelligence applications requires strategic and thoughtful policies to ensure that the benefits of AI are realized, and any harms associated with the use of technology are mitigated to the maximum extent possible. Risks associated with the introduction of artificial intelligence are not theoretical. Many companies have developed mechanisms to manage model risk. Moreover, the National Institute of Standards and Technology has developed an AI Risk Management Framework.

While work continues on efforts to manage and mitigate risks, clarifying the law to ensure that a defendant cannot use the notion that AI autonomously caused harm to a plaintiff is a critical protection to ensure justice can be sought and found for someone when harm is done to them. **For these reasons, we respectfully request your support for this important measure.**

Sincerely,



Mike Kubzansky
CEO, Omidyar Network

cc: Assemblymember Maggy Krell
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

