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Legal Aid Statement on the Biden Administration’s Blueprint for an Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights

(NEW YORK, NY) – Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief & Chief Executive Officer of The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement on The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy’s Blueprint for an Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights:

“I was proud to attend this critical summit at a time when technology, data, and automated systems are increasingly used to target, discriminate, and exacerbate inequities that plague our client communities.

It is paramount that we hold big technology accountable and protect the civil rights of our clients and all Americans, particularly those who have been harmed by unethical and discriminatory practices.

The Legal Aid Society commends The White House for this critical step in advancing tech accountability and standing up for our civil rights in the age of algorithms.”

Background:

On October 4, 2022, The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy released a [Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights](#) to help guide the design, development, and deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) and other automated systems so that they protect the rights of the American public.

Developed through [extensive consultation](#) with the American public, stakeholders, and U.S. government agencies, the Blueprint includes concrete steps which governments, companies, communities, and others can take in order to build these key protections into policy, practice, or technological design to ensure automated systems work for the American people.

The [Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights](#) lays out five core protections to which everyone in America should be entitled:

- Safe and Effective Systems: You should be protected from unsafe or ineffective systems.
- Algorithmic Discrimination Protections: You should not face discrimination by algorithms and systems should be used and designed in an equitable way.

- Data Privacy: You should be protected from abusive data practices via built-in protections and you should have agency over how data about you is used.
- Notice and Explanation: You should know that an automated system is being used and understand how and why it contributes to outcomes that impact you.
- Alternative Options: You should be able to opt out, where appropriate, and have access to a person who can quickly consider and remedy problems you encounter.

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