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Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Orice Williams Brown
Acting Comptroller General
United States Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Acting Comptroller General Williams Brown:

As artificial intelligence (AI) increasingly becomes a part of the everyday lives of Americans, so too do malicious actors seek to exploit emerging AI technologies and applications to pursue harmful, even deadly, agendas. Specifically, Generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) and Agentic artificial intelligence (AAI) are rapidly evolving technologies that could fundamentally alter the global terrorism landscape. GenAI enables violent extremists and other illicit actors to create large volumes of tailored propaganda, misinformation, and recruitment content at low cost and machine-level speed, significantly lowering barriers to radicalization, manipulation, and online influence. Agentic AI further amplifies these activities by autonomously planning, adapting, and executing tasks over time, allowing terrorist-related efforts to persist, scale, and adjust in real time with minimal human oversight. Violent extremists and other illicit actors—including but not limited to insiders who pose threats and malicious cyber actors—will inevitably seek inventive ways to exploit these emerging technologies to support a wide range of terrorist tactics and other criminal activities.

The use of GenAI and AAI by violent extremists and other illicit actors poses a broad and evolving national security threat. The speed, scale, and adaptability these technologies enable will challenge the federal government's ability to detect, respond to, and deter terrorist activities; however, the nature and scope of the challenges associated with countering these AI-enabled threats are not well understood.

To ensure that federal agencies are effectively combating the use of GenAI and AAI by violent extremists and other illicit actors, we ask that you examine:

- (1) What is known about how the use of AI by violent extremists and other illicit actors has changed their ability to conduct terrorist activities?
- (2) How has the use of AI by violent extremists and other illicit actors changed federal law enforcement and intelligence agency efforts to deter or prevent terrorist activities?
- (3) How do federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies work with technology companies to detect, disrupt, and limit the use of AI by violent extremists and other illicit actors to conduct terrorist activities?

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For any questions regarding this request, please contact House Homeland Security Committee Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee Staff Director, Ms. Natalie Hurst, at (202) 224-3121.

Sincerely,

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AUGUST PFLUGER

Chairman

Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence

cc: The Honorable Seth Magaziner, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence