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Update from the Co-Leads of the Joint California Policy Working Group on AI Frontier Models

Background

On September 29, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a [press release](#) announcing new initiatives to advance safe and responsible artificial intelligence development in the State.

As part of that announcement, Governor Newsom asked Fei-Fei Li, the Co-Director of Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI); Mariano-Florentino (Tino) Cuéllar, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and former member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Social and Ethical Implications of Computing Research; and Jennifer Tour Chayes, Dean of the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society at UC Berkeley to help California's effort to assess GenAI capabilities and potential trajectories, focusing on frontier models. The group's work will inform California policymakers as the State seeks to define practical guardrails for GenAI development while fostering the innovation ecosystem.

Update

- The group is beginning its work by developing a draft report that draws upon academics and experts from a variety of disciplines. The draft report will include a review of recent literature and research, outlining the latest scientific understanding about frontier model capabilities and risks. The co-leads, with input from scholars at their institutions, anticipate sharing a first draft of the report in the first quarter of 2025.

- To encourage feedback and input from a wide range of expertise, a first draft will be shared widely and the co-leads plan to convene a series of stakeholder activities. This may include structured workshops, in-person or remote sessions, and an open opportunity for interested parties to submit written comments about the topics covered in the draft report.

- The co-leads will incorporate feedback and publish a final report for the Governor and Legislature's consideration, anticipated by summer 2025. To further advance scholarship and multi-sector collaboration, the co-leads will facilitate an open call for additional comments, reflections, and ideas for partnership moving forward.

If you are interested in receiving further updates, including information on forthcoming feedback mechanisms, please click **here** to sign up for updates.

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