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ACLU OF RI POSITION: SUPPORT

TESTIMONY ON 24-H 7521,
AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – AUTOMATED
DECISION TOOLS – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
February 15, 2024

Without asserting ourselves as experts on the artificial intelligence automated decision tools that this bill seeks to regulate, we note our general support for the intent of this legislation which aims to provide transparency in the use of AI. In particular, we note our support for the provisions in this bill that would require safeguards and oversight over the potentially discriminatory aspects of AI and would allow for recourse for any discriminatory use of AI automated decision tools.

As use of AI increases, we have simultaneously come to recognize that one of the more concerning aspects of AI technology and systems is the way that its formulations may perpetuate dangerous and discriminatory patterns. Because of this, bills which not only aim to ensure clarity on the implementation of this technology but further act to curb any disparities resulting from AI use provide an appropriate model for regulation of this technology.

For these reasons, we support this legislation that would both put in place a legal framework for AI automated decision tools and provide that individuals may seek recourse for any discriminatory use of AI.

Thank you for your consideration.