



**Testimony in Support of H-7190 – Limiting AI in Healthcare Decisions  
House Committee on Health and Human Services**

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The Economic Progress Institute **supports Rep. Donovan’s H-7190**, which promotes transparency and accountability in the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by health insurers to manage coverage and claims.

Rhode Islanders value transparency and accountability – not just in politics, but also in terms of healthcare costs and decisions. Unfortunately, the healthcare system is often difficult to understand and maneuver, and it is not always clear who is making decisions. Without oversight and regulation, AI use in healthcare could put lives in danger and worsen health outcomes in our state’s already precarious healthcare system.

AI is also not 100% reliable or accurate. “Sometimes AI algorithms produce outputs that are not based on training data, are incorrectly decoded by the transformer or do not follow any identifiable pattern. In other words, it “hallucinates” the response. These misinterpretations can happen due to factors including training data bias/inaccuracy and high model complexity. We should know much more about AI’s limitations before entrusting it with our healthcare decisions.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to risking the quality of healthcare decisions, using AI is bad for the environment. According to [a 2025 analysis from MIT Technology Review](#), AI data centers consume 4.4% of all U.S. energy, with projections showing AI could use as much electricity as 22% of U.S. households by 2028.<sup>2</sup> These centers typically use electricity that’s 48% more carbon-intensive than the U.S. average.<sup>3</sup>

Knowing the effects that AI use will have on the environment, while not fully understanding and accounting for AI’s limitations necessitates regulation of AI’s use, particularly for healthcare decisions. EPI urges passage.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2025/09/what-you-need-to-know-about-ai-and-climate-change/>

<sup>2</sup> [We did the math on AI’s energy footprint. Here’s the story you haven’t heard. | MIT Technology Review](#)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ibm.com/think/topics/ai-hallucinations>