

**House Business Affairs & Labor**

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**HB25B-1008 Consumer Protections for AI Interactions**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Kimberly Shively Amend themselves	<p>I am here asking you to vote "no" or to vote to "amend" HB25B-1008. This bill would be a gift to the billionaire tech class that now rules our country.</p> <p>Colorado has the opportunity to lead the nation in creating legislation that would reign in the AI industry which, as it stands is completely out of control.</p> <p>I'd like to focus on the tech company Palantir - their headquarters are here in Denver. Their use of AI and other algorithmic technologies are a perfect example of why we need strong consumer protections for the AI industry.</p> <p>For some background, co-founder of Peter Thiel has famously said that he "no longer believes that freedom and democracy are compatible". And co-founder Alex Karp has bragged in multiple interviews that their software is used to kill people (more on that later). In 2020, Palantir stated that it "wanted to become the default operating system for data across the U.S. government".</p> <p>"Elon Musk's DOGE is very good for Palantir" - Alex Karp</p> <p>Fast forward to today and I ask you to take a moment to visit the federal procurement database system <a href="https://www.fps.gov">fps.gov</a> and search "Palantir". The number of government contracts is staggering - DHS, FAA, FBI, DOE, IRS, they have literally taken over every government agency and are earning billions of dollars while doing it.</p> <p>The states need to stand up and fight back against these fascist corporations. I focus on Palantir because of their ties to Denver but all of the major players in the AI industry are just as dangerous and problematic. Just look at who was in attendance at Trump's inauguration - Zuckerberg, Bezos, Pichai and of course Musk. Tech companies are trying to force feed all things AI to the people, whether it's to surveil them or to sell them on the false narrative that AI will fix every social problem in existence - it's all a lie. AI is destroying the planet with its insatiable need for electricity and water. AI is destroying civil liberties by surveilling and selling our data to the highest bidder. AI is rewriting reality itself in the form of large language models that are fed biased data.</p>

	<p>The last and most sobering fact about AI comes from The Guardian’s headline from today: Israeli Military’s Own Data Indicates Civilian Death Rate of 83% in Gaza War.</p> <p>How can the civilian death rate possibly be so high? It’s because Israel used AI to justify its genocide - they contracted with Palantir, Amazon, Google, and Microsoft to surveil Palestinians and to store massive amounts of data on them in their cloud storage. That data was then used to create AI generated kill lists of Palestinians under the guise of AI efficiency.</p> <p>This is the same technology that is being used by our government to surveil people in this country and to kidnap people and to illegally deport them. This is the same technology that the federal government is fighting so hard to NOT regulate. This is the same technology that is actively harming our civil liberties.</p> <p>You owe it to the people of Colorado to regulate this deadly industry before it’s too late.</p>
Kevin Scott Against themselves	There is no reason to remove so much accountability from the major tech companies that are pushing AI technology. This bill is blatantly anti-consumer and will only lead to exploitative practices in the name of unchecked growth.