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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 254
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Re: Nomination Endorsement for White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Leadership

We, the undersigned founders, investors, executives, and technologists, write to express our strong support for Michael Kratsios's nomination as Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). His exceptional qualifications and proven leadership uniquely position him to address the critical scientific and technological challenges facing the United States.

As Chief Technology Officer of the United States, Mr. Kratsios led transformative initiatives such as the American AI Initiative and the implementation of the National Quantum Initiative Act. His leadership in these efforts demonstrated a forward-thinking approach to fostering innovation, aligning technological progress with national priorities. This expertise is especially valuable as entrepreneurs and investors navigate evolving opportunities and regulatory landscapes in artificial intelligence, climate technology, and decentralized finance.

The little tech ecosystem depends on leaders who understand the intersection of technology, policy, and economic strategy. Mr. Kratsios has consistently championed innovation while prioritizing national competitiveness. His work on critical emerging technologies—from drones to high-performance computing—underscores his holistic vision for leveraging technology to strengthen economic growth and bolster national security.

In a time when American leadership is needed, Mr. Kratsios's experience and vision make him an outstanding candidate to lead OSTP. His track record of supporting entrepreneurial ecosystems, driving innovation, and enhancing U.S. global competitiveness demonstrates his readiness to serve in this critical role.

We respectfully urge the Committee to advance his confirmation. We are confident that Mr. Kratsios will drive essential technology initiatives that bolster U.S. leadership, support the workforce, and secure long-term prosperity for entrepreneurs and the broader economy.

Sincerely,

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