



2024 Annual Impact Report

Center for AI Safety Action Fund (CAIS AF) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization





Introduction

In 2024, our inaugural year, CAIS Action Fund drove critical advances in AI policy. Through strategic advocacy, the Action Fund established itself as a leading voice in shaping AI governance to protect national security. Some of our key achievements and policy wins are below.



Bipartisan Advocacy
Secures \$10M for the U.S.
AI Safety Institute

We led a bipartisan congressional effort with Reps. Haley Stevens (D-MI) and Jay Obernolte (R-CA) and Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and Mike Rounds (R-SD) that secured \$10 million to establish the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) U.S. AI Safety Institute. This bipartisan, bicameral initiative demonstrated our ability to translate expert consensus into concrete government action.



Building Broad Coalitions

We co-led a joint letter signed by more than 80 organizations, companies, and universities urging Congress to fully fund NIST's AI initiatives. These efforts ensured that lawmakers heard a unified message that investing in secure AI development is a national priority.



Dan Hendrycks speaking during CAIS Action Fund launch event in D.C. CNN's Pamela Brown, left. Jaan Tallinn, co-founder of Skype, right.



Advising White House and Department of Commerce Leadership

We advised the White House and the Commerce Department on the “AI Diffusion” rule, an export control policy designed to curb the unchecked spread of America’s most advanced AI models and chips abroad.



Advancing Landmark State Legislation

We co-sponsored California Senate Bill 1047 requiring advanced AI developers to implement security protocols and accountability measures. The California Legislature overwhelmingly passed SB 1047, though Governor Newsom vetoed it.



Consulting with Leaders in Congress

We worked with then-Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer’s office on the bipartisan SAFE Innovation Framework for AI and the House Bipartisan AI Task Force on comprehensive AI policy recommendations. We advised on key legislative projects with:

- The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on the Workforce for AI Trust Act.
- The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) on measures to enhance AI safety.
- Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) on draft legislation for robust, bipartisan AI policy reform.



Hosting a Successful Washington, D.C. Launch Event

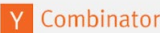
We hosted a bipartisan launch event for the Action Fund on Capitol Hill that drew more than 100 stakeholders, including members of Congress, senior administration officials, industry leaders, and press. This launch demonstrated our convening power and solidified our role as a bridge between AI researchers, industry experts, and policymakers.

Earning Media Recognition

CAIS appeared in over 100 news stories, including features in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*. *Politico Pro* also named CAIS among the top 20 organizations influencing AI policy.

Key organizations vary in their support of AI rules

ORGANIZATIONS ADVOCATING FOR...

LONG-TERM AI SAFETY RULES	SHORT-TERM AI SAFETY RULES	MINIMAL AI SAFETY RULES
		
		
		
		
		
		

Credit: PoliticoPro

Driving Impact and Looking Ahead

In our inaugural year, we secured federal funding for AI security research, influenced bipartisan policy frameworks, championed groundbreaking legislation, and earned a seat at the table for national security decisions. For 2025, CAIS Action Fund will continue ensuring U.S. leadership in AI is paired with foresight and safeguards to protect national security. We will continue working to ensure that AI innovation strengthens rather than compromises America's national security interests.