TESTIMONY OF CONGRESSMAN DARREN SOTO AI JOBS ACT (HR 827) FOR THE EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEE

Chairman Scott, Ranking Member Foxx, thank you for allowing me to testify before the Committee about my priorities for the 116th Congress. Specifically, I'm here today to talk about my bipartisan bill, HR 827, the AI JOBS Act. This bill would authorize the Department of Labor to work with businesses and educational institutions to create a report analyzing the future growth of artificial intelligence and its impact on the American workforce.

Specifically, the report would collect data to analyze which industries are projected to have the most growth through artificial intelligence, and the demographics which may experience expanded career opportunities and those most vulnerable to job displacement.

To ensure transparency, the report will be conducted in a nonpartisan manner, in collaboration with educational institutions; employers and think tanks in the tech and manufacturing sectors; and the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the Bureau of the Census. The bill is also supported by corporations and trade associations such as Intel Corporation, Lyft, the Center for Data Innovation, and the Security Industry Association.

I am proud to join efforts across party lines to introduce this bill and help our workforce prepare for the way artificial intelligence will shape the economy of the future. Technological advances will continue to present both challenges and benefits for American workers in industries ranging from transportation to cybersecurity to advanced manufacturing. This bi-partisan legislation will help American workers better understand and prepare for the emerging job opportunities created by artificial intelligence and to adapt to changes in our evolving economy.

Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Foxx, I look forward to working with you to advance my bill and I welcome any questions you may have. Thank you and I yield back.