

AI Systems Transparency Act
Introduced by Sen. Coons, Britt, Schatz, and Lankford

The *AI Systems Transparency Act (ASTA)* is a bipartisan bill to require the developers and deployers of advanced AI systems to provide ongoing public transparency about their models and systems. It is essential that AI companies provide basic information about how their models are structured, how they have evaluated key risks, and how their models are intended for use. Such public transparency—structured to avoid disclosure of information that could reveal trade secrets or other sensitive information—will better enable consumers, parents, independent researchers, policymakers, and the public to understand the risks and benefits of using AI, and will thereby foster public trust that can drive trustworthy innovation and adoption.

In particular, the *AI Systems Transparency Act* would:

- Establish requirements enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on both developers and deployers of AI models and systems that meet certain usage thresholds or are designated as significant by the FTC;
- Require both a disclosure understandable to consumers as well as a disclosure with sufficient information to foster independent research and evaluation;
- Apply to both closed and open-source models;
- Require disclosure of, among other things,
 - Key information about model structure, policies, and other information commonly included on “model cards”;
 - Preventative safeguards that the AI company has used to address child safety, mental health, user privacy, cybersecurity, CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear) risk, and loss-of-control risk; and
 - Usage information including common violations and moderation actions.
- Require updated disclosures as new models are released or existing models are substantially modified.

The *AI Systems Transparency Act* has been introduced by Sens. Coons, Britt, Schatz, and Lankford and has been endorsed by Americans for Responsible Innovation and Encode AI. The introduction of this bill builds upon letters that Sens. Schatz, Britt, Coons, and Lankford sent in December 2025 to OpenAI, Microsoft, Google, Anthropic, Meta, Luka, Character.AI, and xAI, calling on these companies to improve transparency around the capabilities of their models and the risks they pose to users.