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HumanX and Humanrace Capital Launch The AI Coalition: Giving Early-Stage AI Companies a Voice in Washington

New nonprofit coalition ensures emerging AI innovators aren't left behind as Congress and agencies draft once-in-a-generation legislation

New York, October 2025 - HumanX and Humanrace Capital today announced the launch of The AI Coalition, the first nonprofit specifically designed to provide early-stage AI companies, from pre-seed through Series B, with meaningful access to policymakers and influence over the regulations that will define the next decade of innovation.

The coalition launches as Congress and the administration continue to work on historic federal AI initiatives, ensuring that the voices shaping America's AI future aren't limited to tech giants and incumbents with full-time Washington lobbying teams.

Bridging the Policy Gap for Emerging AI Leaders

The coalition was born from HumanX's successful engagement with policymakers, including bringing Congressman Jay Obernolte (R-CA), Chair of the Bipartisan House AI Task Force, to speak at the HumanX conference in Las Vegas earlier this year - a groundbreaking moment that demonstrated the power of connecting innovative AI companies directly with legislative leaders.

"Congress needs to hear from the front lines of the AI ecosystem, the startups and emerging companies deploying AI to create breakthrough products and services." Said Rep. Jay Obernolte. "I'm excited for the AI Coalition to bring these innovators to the table in the policymaking process where they belong."

"Many lawmakers have told me they only hear from the biggest players in AI," says Stefan Weitz, co-founder & CEO of HumanX. "This coalition gives earlier-stage companies doing transformative work in healthcare, finance, cybersecurity, and beyond a unique opportunity to engage directly with federal policymakers and ensure the rules work for all - not just the incumbents."

Comprehensive Policy Access at Startup-Friendly Prices

The AI Coalition offers five core benefits designed specifically for resource-conscious early-stage companies:

- 1) **Direct Policymaker Engagement:** Members receive structured, regular access to federal, state, and local decision-makers through quarterly touchpoints and twice-yearly Washington D.C. "fly-in" events with legislators and executive agency officials.

- 2) **Affordable Policy Expertise:** Services that usually come at a huge cost for individual lobbying are available through the coalition's sliding-scale membership model, including real-time regulatory updates, strategic guidance, and a "bat phone" for urgent policy matters.
- 3) **National Policy Influence:** The coalition coordinates member positions on critical legislation, including the upcoming federal AI modernization bill, and advocates collectively for member interests in congressional debates.
- 4) **Business Development Opportunities:** Membership unlocks partnerships and integration pathways with federal agencies, plus networking with Fortune 500 companies and sovereign nations through the coalition's Strategic Advisory Council.
- 5) **Strategic Ecosystem Networking:** Face-to-face connections with peers, competitors, and key AI ecosystem players through quarterly summits and exclusive events.

Urgent Timing as AI Regulation Accelerates

The coalition launches at a critical moment for AI policy. With the removal of a moratorium on state-level AI regulation from recent federal legislation, early-stage companies face a complex patchwork of emerging rules across multiple jurisdictions.

"AI will unlock the next generation of care delivery, but only if AI native builders, who don't have the resources to navigate complex state-by-state regulations, are enabled to build that future." Said Izac Ross, Founder & CEO, Haven Headache & Migraine Center. "We see the AI Coalition as a key partner in bringing builders and policymakers together to keep regulation aligned with real-world innovation in healthcare and enable us to close the gap in headache and migraine care. "

Learn more about the AI Coalition [here](#)

About HumanX

HumanX is the world's most important AI event dedicated to delivering actionable insights and connecting high-level executives with the latest advancements in AI technology. Founded by Jon Weiner and Stefan Weitz, industry veterans committed to reinventing the AI event experience, HumanX focuses on practical applications and strategic networking opportunities, distinguishing itself from traditional, broad-spectrum events.

About Humanrace Capital

Humanrace Capital, led by Suraj Mehta and Sean Engelking, is an emerging pre-seed and seed fund investing in healthcare, financial services, and other sectors. After exiting their startup to UnitedHealth Group, they worked with policy partners to expand market access through legislation—realizing there was a major gap in early-stage companies' access to deep policy insights.



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Partnering with policy experts Michael Williams and Daniel Perrin, the firm leverages this expertise to identify high-potential opportunities and help founders understand how policy could shape their businesses long-term.

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