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Becks Boone Amend themselves	<p>Thank you for your work & time on this bill. I'm Becks Boone, co-founder & product manager at Rootable, software for small Colorado food rescues.</p> <p>Consider amending this bill by removing 25-4-1616 (1)(b), mentioning online applications.</p> <p>Dr. Abeba Birhane, a cognitive scientist, argues that technology is often viewed as an "opportunity," & that those building online apps are viewed as "unlocking opportunities." Meanwhile, calls for responsibility, accountability, & risk mitigation "slow progress." This perspective assumes that technology is inherently beneficial & that widespread adoption will bring public good. However, without proper safeguards, technology often leads to surveillance, manipulation, inequity, & erosion of fundamental rights & human agency while concentrating power, wealth, & influence.</p> <p>For example, consider DOGE cutting programs without thinking of the broader impact, like firing & rehiring federal employees responsible for nuclear weapons. An AP story quotes the executive director of the Arms Control Association: "The DOGE people are coming in with absolutely no knowledge of what these departments are responsible for. They don't seem to realize that it's actually the Department of Nuclear Weapons more than it is the Department of Energy."</p> <p>Software solutions often confuse social, political, & economic issues for technical ones. Technology has the resources to succeed without the extra protections in the bill's current wording.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>