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Missouri Future Caucus Examines AI's Impact on Missouri's Economy and Security in Second Public Meeting

St. Charles, Mo. – The Missouri Future Caucus held its second meeting on November 19 at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, focusing on the future of artificial intelligence (AI) policy in Missouri. The session brought together experts from across the public and private sectors to discuss both the opportunities and challenges of AI deployment in the state.

Watch the Hearing:

The hearing was open to the public and could be viewed online via Zoom:

- **Recorded Zoom Link:** [Watch Here](#)
- **Passcode:** 86ij!JY7

The meeting explored ways Missouri can capture the benefits of AI while protecting public interests. Attendees discussed the risks associated with AI use, public awareness, and the resources the state may need to remain competitive in the AI space. The Future Caucus aimed to provide House standing committees with detailed information and recommendations on legislation and budget considerations to create a better AI-equipped Missouri.

Key topics included:

- How state agencies can facilitate secure AI adoption.
- How Missouri's industries can attract advanced and secure AI opportunities.
- Policies to ensure AI is managed responsibly, transparently, and proportionately.

Witnesses included:

- Dr. John Porter, President, Lindenwood University
- Hon. Justin Foust, St. Charles City Council
- Rob Dixon, Senior Director, Economic, Community & Business Development, Ameren Missouri (invited)

- Dan Maranan, Executive Director, Digital Intelligence and Innovation Accelerator, Washington University
- Eric Fournier, PhD, Director of Educational Development, Center for Teaching & Learning, Washington University
- Adam Wilcox, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Institute for Informatics, Data Science & Biostatistics, WashU
- Christopher Lehmuth, Data Strategy & Artificial Intelligence, NISA Investment Advisors, LLC
- Tim Marczewski, Head of Artificial Intelligence, Office of Administration, State of Missouri
- Chrissy Peters, Director of Elections, State of Missouri (invited)

The Future Caucus was formed by Speaker of the House Jonathan Patterson and is chaired by State Representative Colin Wellenkamp. Its members include Reps. Philip Oehlerking, Mазzie Christensen, George Hruza, Betsy Fogle, Kimberly-Ann Collins, and Marty Joe Murray. The caucus is tasked with identifying emerging issues and challenges impacting Missouri.

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