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Submission on Artificial Intelligence (AI) to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications

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Author's Note:

In April I had the opportunity to [testify](#) before the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications on the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) in the information and communication technology sector.

The focus of the Committee study is broadly on the use of AI in the communications sector, the implications of AI to intellectual property, and risks related to AI-generated deepfakes. With my time I focused on two things: (1) the building blocks of a healthy, resilient AI ecosystem for Canada and (2) the unique threats posed by deepfakes.

The Senate Committee also requested written submissions for May 1st and mine deviates slightly from my oral testimony. I wanted to step back from the questions asked during the Committee meeting and offer a big-picture view of the opportunities and threats of AI and where law can add value. I recently published a co-edited volume with Florian Martin-Bariteau, [Security of Self: A Human-Centric Approach to Cybersecurity](#), which has framed the lens through which I am thinking about AI governance, which I am continuing to develop in my research.

Here is the full version of my [written submission](#), and here is a [link](#) to the transcript and video of Committee meeting, which also includes excellent contributions of colleagues Brent Arnold, representing our board, the Canadian Internet Society, and Matt Hatfield, executive director of OpenMedia.

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