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Biden AI Executive Order First Step Remains Short on Civil Rights and Privacy Protections

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WASHINGTON D.C.,-- Today, President Biden released his [Executive Order](#) on Artificial Intelligence (AI) with recommendations on actions to establish standards for AI and address concerns regarding discrimination, safety, privacy, and civil rights. The Executive Order provides the public with White House's federal strategy on AI.

This Executive Order did not address the impact of AI enforcement technologies on immigrant communities and continues a troubling reliance on risk assessments. Just Futures Law has tracked AI technology use in the immigration sector through programs like HART, RaveN, and facial recognition, and documented the lack of accountability combined with data exploitation.

Paromita Shah, Executive Director of Just Futures Law released the following statement:

"We're glad to see the White House recognize risks posed by AI in the law enforcement sector, but recognizing risks is very different from taking action to protect communities from abuse and discrimination. We remain concerned that voluntary corrective actions such as guiding principles and internal oversight boards leave us vulnerable to abuse and even more data extraction. Our goal should not be limited to mitigating risks.

When it comes to the criminal legal system and the immigration enforcement system, fairness in risk assessments of surveillance, incarceration, and predictive policing have failed. We are disappointed that the Executive Order failed to address the concerns of immigrant communities, a sector where AI is being increasingly deployed at an exponential rate. Governance frameworks will continue to fall short until they are led by the concerns of impacted communities. Immigrant communities and our communities at large deserve better if we want a society that truly moves us toward a world where data can benefit everyone."

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Just Futures Law is a transformative legal organization that defends and builds the power of immigrants' rights, criminal justice organizers, and base-building community groups working to disrupt and dismantle our deportation and mass incarceration systems.