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Dear Members of NY Tech Alliance and NY Tech Meetup:

Re: Where We Stand

As you know, the mission of NY Tech Alliance (NYTA) is to represent, inspire, support, and help lead the New York technology community and ecosystem to create a better future for all.

We are writing to you today because of our concerns relating to a number of statements and executive orders from the Trump Administration that are in direct opposition to what we stand for.

You may know that we recently signed a [letter to President Trump](https://www.technyc.org/trumpeo/) (<https://www.technyc.org/trumpeo/>) written by tech:NYC opposing the immigration ban announced a week ago; to date over 2,000 New York tech leaders have signed this letter.

Other issues already of great concern include the protection of broadband access for the underserved as well as for schools and libraries, and the preservation of regulatory rules protecting the privacy and security of the public.

We believe that what we are experiencing in the first few weeks of the new administration is just the beginning of what will very likely be a long and hard struggle to not only protect our industry and its members from bad public policies, but also, and more importantly, to preserve our democratic institutions and values, particularly those associated with human and civil rights.

In response to this unfortunate reality, we are creating a new mailing list for periodic messages about various actions that the NYTA and others in the New York tech ecosystem and elsewhere are taking so that you, our members, can be informed properly and can also take appropriate action as needed. This service will also include information regarding volunteer and other opportunities and will supplement our regular communications.

In addition, the NYTA will continue to collaborate with other groups in NY, nationally, and internationally to further our collective goals.

We believe that by taking these steps we are fulfilling our obligation to help create a better future for all.

To sign up for this new list, click [here](http://bit.ly/AdvocateNYTA) (<http://bit.ly/AdvocateNYTA>).

Sincerely,
Andrew Rasiej, Chairman
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And the Board of Directors of NY Tech Alliance