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RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

U.S. Senator

With a father who fled Nazi Germany at age 18, and a mother who left Nebraska's farmland to become a social worker, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal was raised with a deep dedication to public service, a duty to give back by helping others, and a bedrock belief in hard work. After being appointed U.S. Attorney for Connecticut (1977-81), and serving terms in both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly, Blumenthal was elected Connecticut's Attorney General in 1991. He would serve an unprecedented five terms, from 1991 to 2011, fighting for people against large and powerful special interests, and recovering hundreds of millions of dollars for Connecticut taxpayers and consumers each year.

In 2010, Blumenthal was elected to represent Connecticut in the United States Senate. He is currently serving his third term as U.S. Senator, and is the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, which has hosted a series of high-profile hearings with AI experts and industry leaders. In September 2023, Blumenthal and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) released the Senate's first, bipartisan legislative framework on AI, outlining specific principles for its regulation. Blumenthal is also a lead sponsor of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA), which would require Big Tech companies to prioritize the safety of minors, and provide children and parents with tools to protect against the harmful effects of social media. KOSA is co-sponsored by more than 60 Senators.