It's not faith
in technology.
It's faith in people.

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My Generative AI Statement of Accountability

I _____ acknowledge that generative AI tools have the following ethical concerns in their ownership, design and construction which exist *regardless* of how I personally choose to use the tools.

These ethical concerns include:

- **A consolidation of power that exacerbates inequities**. The infrastructure necessary for Generative AI belongs to a handful of companies and will be used in service of their business goals.
- **Questionable, possibly illegal, acquisition of the data needed to build these models.** This data represents the intellectual property of people such as artists who did not consent to the use of their work, have not been compensated for the use of their work and whose livelihood is threatened by these systems that have been built using their work.
- **Exploitation of labour used to prepare data** (e.g. labelling), provide feedback (e.g. content moderation, RLHF) and other related services. This work is often offshored, low paid and workers can be subjected to trauma.
- **A growing carbon footprint** related to the data necessary to train and support these models. Data centers (aka 'the Cloud') are core infrastructure for all AI, but generative AI in particular is driving the need to expand this infrastructure at an increasing rate that works in opposition to globally stated climate goals.

Despite these concerns, I _____, am confirming that I intend to use these tools and to accept the above stated ethical consequences through my participation in using these tools.

Signed_____

Date_____