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# The Reform AI™ Governance Manifesto

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Artificial intelligence is now making decisions that used to require human judgment. It approves loans, screens patients, guides weapons, moves markets, and shapes what billions of people read and believe. The capability is extraordinary. The accountability is not. We have built systems powerful enough to run the world and have not built the institutions to hold them to account.

This is the gap Reform Intelligence® exists to close. Trustworthy AI is not a slogan or a compliance exercise. It is a measurable property of a system, and measuring it requires infrastructure that does not yet exist at the scale this moment demands. What follows is what we believe, and what we are building.

### One. Capability without accountability is a liability.

Every advance in what AI can do raises the stakes of what happens when it fails. Power that cannot be verified is not an asset. It is an unpriced risk sitting on the balance sheet of every institution that deploys it. The question is no longer whether AI is capable. It is whether anyone can prove it is safe to rely on.

### Two. Trust must be earned through evidence, not asserted through confidence.

A model provider claiming its system is safe is not evidence. A benchmark the builder designed and scored itself is not evidence. Trust that cannot be independently examined is not trust. It is marketing. Institutions deserve proof they can inspect, challenge, and stand behind.

### Three. The evaluator must be independent.

No one grades their own work and earns the market's confidence. A company that builds AI cannot be the final authority on whether that AI is trustworthy, any more than a company could audit its own books or rate its own debt. Independence is not a feature of credible evaluation. It is the precondition for it. Reform Intelligence® takes no revenue from the model providers it evaluates, and it never will.

### Four. Measurement must be transparent and repeatable.

An evaluation that cannot be explained, reproduced, or audited is an opinion in the costume of science. We hold ourselves to measurement science: methods that are documented, results that can be reproduced, and conclusions that survive scrutiny. If we cannot show our work, we have not done the work.

### Five. Governance is infrastructure for progress, not a brake on it.

The purpose of accountability is not to slow AI down. It is to let institutions adopt it with confidence. Seatbelts did not end driving. Audited financials did not end investing. They made both safe enough to do at scale. Evaluation and governance are what will let AI move from pilot to production in the places that matter most.

### Six. Standards must be enforceable, not aspirational.

Principles that cannot be measured cannot be enforced, and standards that cannot be enforced are decoration. The world has no shortage of statements about responsible AI. What it lacks is the instrumentation to hold systems to those statements. We build the measures that turn principles into requirements.

### Seven. Accountability is a public good.

The trustworthiness of the systems that increasingly govern society is not a private concern. It belongs to everyone affected by it. That is why Reform Intelligence® is organized as a public benefit corporation, chartered to serve the public interest in trustworthy AI alongside its obligations to shareholders. We intend to operate with the discipline and disclosure of a public institution from the first day to the last.

## What we are building

The last era built institutions to verify money. Auditors, rating agencies, and standards bodies made it possible to trust numbers written by people who had every incentive to flatter them. That infrastructure is why capital can move across the world between strangers.

> *Intelligence now needs the same. We are building the institution that verifies it: independent, rigorous, and accountable to the public it serves. The institutions of the last era were built to verify money.* ***The defining institution of this one will verify intelligence. We are building it.***

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