

Dear PFPA Secretariat,

## Preamble

Civil Society in the United States have been working to combat algorithmic bias for the last five years.

My NGO AI for the People has been working with the Congressional Black Caucus on the development of the Algorithmic Accountability Act, find the last draft [here](#).

We are attempting to apply human rights principles to the governance of algorithmic systems. We have been working with Google, Twitter prior to the Musk acquisition, Tik Tok and companies in the start up space.

Most recently being in discussions with the investors and CEOs of Clear View AI, (read more about it [here](#)) and Shot Spotter, (read more about this company [here](#)) both of which are used by police forces in the United States in communities with high Black populations, because we recognize we need by the time companies come to public attention their 10 year strategies are set so we need to influence the people who influence startup CEOs their funders.

## My questions

1. Given Mr. Murillo-Martinez's acknowledgement that the PFPA needs to do more work on algorithmic bias, is **there a working group on science and technology** ? If so, what work are they doing and what are their relationships with legislators in their states?
2. **What is the PFPA Silicon Valley strategy?** Over the last decade we have learned that human rights groups are relegated to meeting low level teams who do not report into the C Suite because human rights work is not revenue generating so how can we prevent this body from making the mistake of fruitless meetings. For example Musk met with civil rights groups in the US and then fired Twitter's human rights team the next day.
3. **When we talk about reparations are we thinking about how African governments are allowing tech companies to extract precious metals to create smart phones and computers.** Read more [here](#). Can this be part of our wider discussion on climate justice?

## My Intervention

We do not want PFPA to reinvent the wheel. We think the Permanent Forum should work with civil society groups who are doing this work in the field to avoid repeating the same mistakes and to help increase the speed with which we can draft language for the declaration.