

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
Chair
Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce
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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Dear Chair McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Pallone, Chair Bilirakis, and Ranking Member Schakowsky,

We write to you as a coalition of businesses and groups committed to reinvigorating competition in the digital economy. For decades, the United States' position as a global leader in technological innovation has been powered by small and medium-sized enterprises across the country. As the committee "at the forefront of all issues and policies powering America's economy,"¹ the House Committee on Energy and Commerce has broad jurisdiction over these and related issues.

The rise of monopoly power in the tech sector has tilted the playing field against emerging innovators and ultimately put America's global leadership in jeopardy.² It has also left consumers with fewer choices and that is why we support legislation to curb anticompetitive behavior by the largest technology platforms. Despite wide bipartisan support and backing from

¹ <https://energycommerce.house.gov/>

² <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/07/30/us-lawmakers-agree-big-tech-has-too-much-power-remedies-unclear.html>

leading small business advocacy groups,³ this legislation to rein in Big Tech has, unfortunately, fallen short to date of making it into law.⁴

We commend the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Department of Justice (DoJ) for using their full set of tools and authorities to take important steps to curb anticompetitive self-preferencing behavior by the largest platforms. We support these actions.

We urge the House Energy & Commerce Committee to support the FTC and DoJ in the months ahead in their efforts to reinvigorate the spirit of competition and innovation in the American economy.

Sincerely,

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Brave
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Kelkoo Group
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Mio
Neeva
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Proton
Responsible Online Commerce Coalition
SparkToro
Thexyz
Tutanota
Yelp
Y Combinator

³ <https://www.nfib.com/content/press-release/homepage/nfib-supports-antitrust-legislation-to-level-digital-economy-for-small-businesses/>

⁴ https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/on-small-business/big-tech-dividedand-conqueredtoblockkey-bipartisan-bills/2022/12/20/529255b6-804f-11ed-8738-ed7217de2775_story.html