

April 25, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy:

We write to you to express our support for bipartisan legislation to rein in Big Tech and urge you to pass these bills in the House and Senate without delay. If enacted, they will mark a major step forward in restoring competitive markets. They will help unlock the potential of Americans to grow successful businesses and build an economy that is more prosperous, equitable, and innovative. Furthermore, they represent our first opportunity in decades to rein in the runaway power of the biggest, wealthiest, and least accountable corporations in the world.

These bipartisan bills reflect the culmination of a two-year [investigation](#) into the abuses of Big Tech. Led by Chairs David Cicilline and Jerrold Nadler, and Ranking Member Ken Buck, the investigation included 10 hearings, 240 interviews, 1.3 million documents, and a historic 450-page report. There was testimony from dozens of experts and representatives from the corporations themselves, including the CEOs, Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg, Tim Cook, and Sundar Pichai. In addition, the Senate Antitrust Subcommittee, led by Senator Klobuchar with the support of Senators Grassley and Blumenthal, conducted 10 hearings studying the impact of monopoly power of Big Tech on consumers and other market participants.

**American Innovation and Choice Online Act (S.2992/H.R.3816):** This bill will promote innovation and competition by prohibiting dominant Big Tech platforms from anticompetitive discrimination, self-preferencing, and excluding competitors to protect their monopolies and leverage them into other lines of business. This will ensure that small businesses get a fair shot to compete, innovators get to develop new products without fear of being crushed by Big Tech, and consumers get more choice and quality on the platforms.

**Open App Markets Act (S.2710/H.R.7030):** This bill will promote competition on large app stores to increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers by preventing the big app stores from using gatekeeping power to require app developers to use a specific in-app payment system or from unfairly promoting their own apps above those of competing app developers. This will mean app developers will be able to stop paying huge fees to Big Tech and compete on the app stores, and app users will be able to pay less for apps.

America has a monopoly problem, and the Big Tech monopolies have made it [impossible](#) to live and work without using their products. Monopoly power lowers [wages](#), reduces [innovation](#) and [entrepreneurship](#), exacerbates [income](#) and [regional](#) inequality, undermines the [free press](#) and access to information, and perpetuates toxic systems of [racial](#), [gender](#), and class dominance. Big Tech monopolies are at the center of many of these problems. Reining in these companies is an essential first step to reverse the damage of concentrated corporate power throughout our economy. These bipartisan bills will do just that, and it is imperative that they are enacted into law urgently.

Americans support taking action against these companies. Recent polling [found](#) that 86% percent of Democrats, 83% of Republicans and 79% percent of independents in California believe that Big Tech companies should be held accountable through tougher laws to keep markets competitive. In addition, 8 in 10 New York voters [support](#) strengthening or passing new laws to hold Big Tech accountable and keep the internet safe and competitive.

We believe that these carefully crafted bills will bring urgently needed change and accountability to the Big Tech companies and an industry that most Americans agree must be reined in. We are proud to support this important legislation, urge you to bring the American Innovation and Choice Online Act (S.2992/H.R.3816) and the Open App Markets Act (S.2710/H.R.7030) to a vote as soon as possible, and encourage all members of Congress to vote to pass both bills.

Sincerely,

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American Family Voices  
Artist Rights Alliance  
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Fight for the Future

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