

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery**  
**of**  
**The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester**  
*Markup of Six Bills*  
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Thank you, Chairman Pallone.

This mark-up represents another important chapter in our work to enhance U.S. competitiveness and innovation.

For years, we have all heard how the lack of a national data privacy law has both hindered U.S. competition and left Americans – especially children – vulnerable to bad actors.

We all agree – we must act. Through today’s bipartisan American Data Privacy & Protection Act – we will.

Today’s internet – reliant on the current model of notice-and-consent puts the onus on consumers to protect their privacy and secure their data – rather than Big Tech.

As the House lead of the DETOUR Act, I am proud to say that the AINS to the American Data Privacy and Protection Act rightly rebalances responsibility between business and consumer.

Crucially, the AINS incorporates elements of my bill, including a ban on user interfaces that undermine choice and autonomy.

Ensuring Americans aren’t routinely manipulated by Big Tech is necessary to safeguard the ideal of a free and open internet.

Our country needs this legislation. I urge my colleagues to pass this bill and swiftly bring it to the floor. Thank you and I yield back.