

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**

**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery  
of  
Rep. Anna G. Eshoo**

***Hearing on “Holding Big Tech Accountable: Targeted Reforms to Tech's Legal Immunity”***

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Mr. Chairman, thank you for yielding to me.

I was on the conference committee for the 1996 Telecom Act, which included Section 230, and I continue to strongly believe in Section 230's core benefit, which is to protect user speech. However, when algorithms select what content will appear, personalized for each user, the platform is more than just a conduit transferring one user's speech to others.

Platforms should not be immune from courts examining if algorithmic amplification causes harms, and that's the core idea of two bills I've co-led: the *Protecting Americans from Dangerous Algorithms Act* and the *Justice Against Malicious Algorithms Act*.

I thank the Chairman for convening this highly important hearing and yield back.