

Questions of the Honorable Debbie Dingell  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

HEARING

*Protecting America's Consumers: Bipartisan Legislation to Strengthen  
Data Privacy and Security*

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**STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD**

Thank you, Chairwoman Schakowsky, for holding this important hearing, and to my committee colleagues on both sides of the aisle for advancing critical efforts to protect Americans' privacy.

Privacy is a fundamental right and I am encouraged by this opportunity to make real bipartisan progress through the American Data Privacy and Protection Act.

I would like to start by emphasizing an issue that all of us here can fundamentally agree on when considering comprehensive privacy reform, and that is that protecting children and their data on these platforms must be a top priority.

Bipartisanship is hard. It means that we have to compromise and find creative ways to get past the issues that divide us. This discussion draft represents so much of the work put in by members of this committee and in many ways it creatively bridges gaps between us as Democrats and Republicans.

There is of course still some work to be done, and I would encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to think about how we can find creative solutions to further protect kids online. This includes urging my

colleagues to think creatively to navigate a path forward on the total ban on kids advertising using something other than actual knowledge.

We've made significant progress on a number of the sensitive data categories, and robust data minimization and opt-in consent standard protections for children under 17 irrespective of knowledge. However, for the total ban on kids advertising, the actual knowledge standard is used. I of course understand that not everyone will get everything they want in this legislation, but encourage my colleagues to consider creative alternatives to this standard.

Consumers care about how their data is used and we must take direct action to address these issues. The consequences of these decisions are readily apparent. We've put off significant privacy reform for too long, and I will work with everyone on committee to get it across the finish line.

Thank you and I yield back.