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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member, Committee on the
Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Cicilline
Chair, Subcommittee on Antitrust,
Commercial and Administrative Law
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Ken Buck
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative
Law
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Nadler and Cicilline, and Ranking Members Jordan and Buck:

The Writers Guild of America West, on behalf of our 10,000 members who write nearly all of the scripted content for television, movies and streaming services, applauds the House Judiciary Committee's efforts to reinvigorate competition policy and report out the package of five bipartisan antitrust bills.

This Committee's probing investigation has clearly demonstrated the failures of existing antitrust law to prevent powerful companies from dominating online and other markets across the economy. The package of bills that will be the subject of Wednesday's markup has the potential to significantly improve the competitive landscape on many fronts. Most importantly, these bills would rein in harmful discriminatory conduct by designated "dominant platforms" against competitors, allocate additional funds to the DOJ and FTC to further challenge the effects of accumulated market power, prohibit anticompetitive mergers and acquisitions by these platforms and allow for structural separation of companies with irreconcilable conflicts of interest.

Taken together, these bills could have a profound effect on our industry, where traditional media companies and new tech company gatekeepers are rapidly consolidating in an effort to reduce competition, raise barriers for new entrants and control the future of media. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to revive competition and strengthen antitrust laws, and discussing the particular concerns of content creators.

Sincerely,

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Laura Blum-Smith
Director of Research and Public Policy

cc: Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary