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United States House of Representatives
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2138 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative:

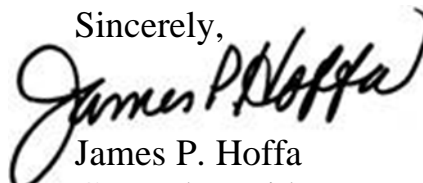
On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 3843, the “Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 3460, the “State Antitrust Enforcement Venue Act of 2021”; H.R. 3849, the “Augmenting Compatibility and Competition by Enabling Service Switching Act of 2021”; H.R. 3826, the “Platform Competition and Opportunity Act of 2021”; H.R. 3816, the “American Choice and Innovation Online Act”; and H.R. 3825, the “Ending Platform Monopolies Act” when they are brought to the Committee for mark up this week.

When corporations are allowed unfettered growth to dominate markets, they can neutralize their competitors, exert power over adjacent and related markets, and ultimately harm workers and consumers. Antitrust connects directly to worker issues. Increasing corporate consolidation and power is a threat to labor rights. It reduces competition between employers for labor, depresses wages and working conditions, and makes it easier for companies to ignore worker protections.

The dominance of huge tech companies puts more and more pressure on workers. For example, in just a short time, Amazon has been able to use profits generated from its dominant position in AWS and retail e-commerce, coupled with anticompetitive practices enabled by market power, to become a dominant firm in the last mile delivery portion of the logistics industry. Amazon also abuses its market power in e-commerce to restrict third party sellers' options of last mile delivery and logistics firms -- and in the process it is destroying middle class jobs. These companies should not be able to choose winners and losers in the economy. We need a level playing field for the health of our economy and its small businesses, consumers, and workers.

Our current antitrust laws are inadequate to deal with increasing corporate power in general and the unprecedented and unique market power of many big tech companies. The legislation being considered by the Committee this week is an important step to reform our antitrust laws by first focusing on unique issues presented by dominant platform companies. Combined, these six bills will require big tech companies to allow real competition in consumer and labor markets to flourish by avoiding exclusionary conduct, favoritism, elimination of competition, and other market power abuses. We urge you to support these critical reforms.

Sincerely,



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