



June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol Room H-232  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Jerry Nadler  
Chair  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Chair Nadler, and Subcommittee Chair Cicilline,

Last week, the House Committee on Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law released text for five antitrust bills targeting a limited number of U.S. companies.<sup>1</sup> The scope and impact of these bills could have a tremendous impact on the products and services many American consumers currently enjoy and the competitiveness of our innovation economy. Notably, stakeholders and policy experts are raising concerns these proposals may weaken personal privacy protections, cybersecurity, and increase the spread of dangerous conspiracy theories and misinformation. On behalf of the New Democrat Coalition, instead of proceeding directly to markup, we respectfully request you hold full legislative hearings on these specific bills to better understand their impacts and the intended and unintended consequences of the legislation.

We agree it is long overdue for Congress to enact laws that protect consumer's rights and personal information in our ever increasingly digital world. However, these are complex issues with far reaching implications. The complexity of this topic is highlighted by major ongoing antitrust litigation that could substantively impact the approach Congress should take on these topics. Legislation on topics as multifaceted and important as this one should be given the appropriate time and consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> Bipartisan Legislation Will Restore Competition to Digital Marketplace and Rein in Largest Tech Platforms. "House Lawmakers Release Anti-Monopoly Agenda for "A Stronger Online Economy: Opportunity, Innovation, Choice"." House Lawmakers Release Anti-Monopoly Agenda for "A Stronger Online Economy: Opportunity, Innovation, Choice" | Congressman David Cicilline. Accessed June 17, 2021. <https://cicilline.house.gov/press-release/house-lawmakers-release-anti-monopoly-agenda-stronger-online-economy-opportunity>.

That is why we believe it is important that the Committee delay the markup and hold full legislative hearings on these proposals to ensure they are thoroughly examined and provide Members with the ability to fully utilize their policy expertise to ensure we craft sound legislation with the broadest coalition of support. Members should be given the opportunity to engage in substantive drafting, debate, amendments, and consideration of this legislation to ensure it truly represents the best interests of the American people.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to engaging with you on this critically important topic.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
New Democrat Coalition



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Vice Chair  
New Democrat Coalition



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