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Markup of 3 Bills

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I am glad that today we are moving forward on data privacy. As I said at our hearing on this bill, the need to act is urgent for frustrated families across the country. I appreciate the improvements in this new draft.

First, consumers will be able to delete their data from all data brokers with one click. Second, the draft bans targeted advertising to children and teens – a key improvement. Big Tech has apologized over and over for their failures. Apologies aren't enough. We need to move a strong privacy bill that holds them accountable.

However, I am disappointed that the new bill draft does not adequately protect biometric and genetic data like fingerprints and face scans. This is a key issue for me. I look forward to working with my colleagues across the aisle to strengthen these protections. I am also concerned about loopholes in the draft for surveillance advertising and data brokers.

Finally, I'd like to mention that this markup includes a bill on AM radio in cars. I'm glad we are moving forward with this solution to ensure American drivers have access to AM radio. Millions use AM radio daily to get the news, sports, and weather they enjoy. Let's seize this moment to move forward strong bills that will have a real impact on Americans' everyday lives.