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United States House of Representatives  
Committee on the Judiciary  
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
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Dear Representatives:

We write to urge you to support the suite of antitrust legislation the House Judiciary Committee is considering this week. These bills would begin to rein in the power that Amazon and other Big Tech giants have used to dominate their industries, crush small businesses, stifle competition, and subject American consumers to their whims. They will modernize American antitrust law by making it harder for these corporations to leverage their monopoly power to favor their own product lines, pick winners in their marketplace, and pursue mergers that make it increasingly impossible for smaller companies to compete.

The members of our coalition are focused on the growing danger of Amazon's monopoly power to workers, small businesses, and American communities--particularly the Black and brown communities who face the lion's share of Amazon's exploitation of workers, racist surveillance, over-policing, and environmental destruction. Since the beginning of your historic bipartisan investigation, we have learned from and been grateful for the effort you and your staff have put into the investigation of Big Tech monopoly power, including ensuring that the CEOs from Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google were required to answer powerful and deeply-researched questions. The evidence you gathered and this legislation provide a concrete pathway toward building a 21st century economy that works for everyone.

It is now time to act. American communities, small businesses, and consumers need relief, and this moment marks the best chance they have in generations. As your investigations have shown, Big Tech corporations wield their power in unprecedented ways that our current laws simply cannot address. The bills that you will begin marking up this week will lead to much-needed change for workers, small businesses, and communities by restoring the competition necessary for a functioning economy. For the sake of all American households, we urge you to support this legislation.

We thank you and your staff for your leadership.

Sincerely,  
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