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Congressman David Cicilline
Chairman
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary
6240 O'Neill House Office Building
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Congressman Ken Buck
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law
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Dear Chairman Cicilline and Ranking Member Buck,

The Open Markets Institute applauds your leadership in introducing several bipartisan bills that implement the subcommittee's recommendations in its October 2020 majority staff report.¹ We recognize how incredibly hard the members of this subcommittee and their staff have worked, and we look forward to continuing this great task with them.

The report was a historic achievement, the culmination of a 17-month investigation of America's largest tech companies: Amazon, Google, Facebook, and Apple. The subcommittee uncovered irrefutable evidence that Big Tech has used anti-competitive conduct and acquisitions to grow and maintain monopoly power. By violating the antitrust laws, the platforms harm citizens, working people, entrepreneurs, creators, suppliers, and consumers. The bills seek to combat these harms to all Americans and promote economic dynamism, innovation, and the marketplace of ideas.

The subcommittee's legislation is a major step forward in protecting American democracy and American liberty from the power and control of platform monopolists. The introduction of this

¹ H.R. 3816, H.R. 3825, H.R. 3826, H.R. 3843, H.R. 3949, H.R. 3460; Investigation of Competition in the Digital Marketplace: Majority Staff Report and Recommendations, available at https://judiciary.house.gov/uploadedfiles/competition_in_digital_markets.pdf



legislative package delivered a simple message to Big Tech. Through Congress, the American people served notice that we intend to break or neutralize all private corporate power on the internet that threatens our democracy, our communities, our families, and our livelihoods. The subcommittee demonstrated true leadership in developing this strong legislation able to attract bipartisan support.

We view these bills as the beginning of what will be a long national effort to establish rules of the road for how we share information and do business in the 21st century. We believe these bills – especially as they are further strengthened in the days to come – will serve as a cornerstone for that effort. We look forward to working with all members of Congress to further develop and drive forward this vital work.

Sincerely,

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