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[Via email]

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee

The Honorable David Cicilline
Chairman, Subcommittee on Antitrust,
Commercial and Administrative Law

The Honorable Ken Buck
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Antitrust,
Commercial and Administrative Law

RE: Request that the Subcommittee Hold Legislative Hearings on the Recent Antitrust Proposals

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

It has been widely reported that several members of the Subcommittee will soon introduce a series of antitrust bills with the aim of regulating select digital service providers. As you are aware, these bills have the potential to have long-lasting impacts on consumers and the U.S. as a leader of innovation worldwide. Because these antitrust bills represent a shift from market oriented principles that have characterized the American economy and the antitrust laws since the Industrial Revolution in the 1890s, and because these bills are not without controversy amongst members within both parties, we request that the Judiciary Committee refrain from holding a markup on these bills until after it holds legislative hearings on each bill to ensure that academics, experts, and the general public are provided with an opportunity to provide comment and analysis on these bills.

According to several sources, the antitrust bills at issue comprise the following:

1. The Platform Antimonopoly Act
2. The Ending Platforms Monopoly Act
3. The ACCESS Act of 2021
4. The Platform Competition & Opportunity Act
5. The Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2021

Given the nature and magnitude of the changes to antitrust law and these bills' potential effect upon the American economy, the U.S.'s role as a leader in innovation and technology, and consumers, we respectfully request that the Judiciary Committee hold individual legislative hearings on each bill to ensure there's ample opportunity to develop and ventilate the issues associated with these bill before proceeding to a mark up.

Sincerely,

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