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May 16, 2018

Mr. Brian Chesky  
CEO  
Airbnb  
999 Brannan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103-4905

Mr. Chesky:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Airbnb:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any changes to Airbnb's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified? How will users be notified of Airbnb's new privacy policies?
4. Will any new privacy options be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?

5. What information will Airbnb collect on its users? Will Airbnb users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? Will Airbnb users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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Mr. James Park  
CEO, President & Co-Founder  
Fitbit  
199 Fremont Street Floor 14  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2253

Mr. Park:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Fitbit:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any changes to Fitbit's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified? How will users be notified of Fitbit's new privacy policies?
4. Will any new privacy options be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?

5. What information will Fitbit collect on its users? Will Fitbit users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? Will Fitbit users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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Mr. Sundar Pichai  
CEO  
Google LLC  
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway  
Mountain View, CA 94043-1351

Mr. Pichai:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Google:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any substantive changes to Google's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified?
4. Will any new privacy options be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?
5. What information will Google collect on its users? Will Google users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? How will Google and its subsidiaries treat browser-based "do not track" requests? Will Google users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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Mr. Logan Green  
CEO  
Lyft, Inc.  
185 Berry Street Suite 5000  
San Francisco, CA 94107-2503

Mr. Green:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Lyft:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any changes to Lyft's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified? How will users be notified of Lyft's new privacy policies?
4. Will any new privacy options be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?

5. What information will Lyft collect on its users? Will Lyft users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? Will Lyft users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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Mr. Evan Spiegel  
CEO  
Snap Inc.  
63 Market Street  
Venice, CA 90291-3603

Mr. Spiegel:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Snap:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any changes to Snap's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified? How will users be notified of Snap's new privacy policies?
4. Will any new privacy options be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?

5. What information will Snap collect on its users? Will Snap users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? Will Snap users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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Mr. Jack Dorsey  
CEO  
Twitter, Inc.  
1355 Market Street Suite 900  
San Francisco, CA 94103-1337

Mr. Dorsey:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Twitter:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any changes to Twitter's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified? How will users be notified of Twitter's new privacy policies?
4. If users are afforded new privacy rights, will these be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?
5. What information will Twitter collect on its users? Will Twitter users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? How will Twitter and its subsidiaries treat browser-based "do not track" requests? Will Twitter users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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Mr. Dara Khosrowshahi  
CEO  
Uber  
1455 Market Street Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103-1355

Mr. Khosrowshahi:

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Therefore, I would like to request information on the following items as they pertain to Uber:

1. What provisions of the GDPR will be implemented in the United States? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these provisions?
2. What provisions of the GDPR will not be implemented in the United States, and why?
3. Do you anticipate any changes to Uber's privacy policies for users in the United States? If so, when will you notify users of the new privacy policies? How soon before, or after, implementation of these policies will users be notified? How will users be notified of Uber's new privacy policies?
4. Will any new privacy options be contingent on a user opting-in or will they be the default setting?



5. What information will Uber collect on its users? Will Uber users have the ability to opt-out of having their information collected? Will Uber users have the ability to request that already-collected information is deleted?

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