

November 16th, 2022

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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi
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House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi & Leader McCarthy:

We write to urge you to pass two bipartisan bills to rein in the power of Big Tech, the American Innovation and Choice Online Act (AICOA) and Open App Markets Act (OAMA), during the 117th Congress. Despite strong support among lawmakers across party lines and strong votes out of committee, neither bill has received a floor vote in either chamber. As the session—and the opportunity to pass these monumental antitrust bills—draws to an end, we call upon you to prioritize their passage.

The American Innovation and Choice Online Act (S. 2992 / H.R. 3816) would strip Big Tech of unfair self-preferencing advantages and allow open and free competition on platforms. Making Big Tech platforms subject to the rigors of competitive pressure forces them to innovate and aggressively combat negative user experiences, lest they lose users to a newly emboldened rival. The Open App Markets Act (S. 2710 / H.R. 7030) would open up mobile app stores to competition. These bills are designed to work synergistically and together can combat many of Big Tech's worst abuses.

We have been patient through promises from congressional leaders of a vote that has yet to materialize. This is an achievable, landmark accomplishment that is within your grasp this session. We stand energized and ready to help you get these bills across the legislative finish line.

The bills are common-sense, compromise legislation that have the support of a wide range of stakeholders. They are the culmination of a multi-year bipartisan investigation into Big Tech, exhaustive hearings, and expert analysis. We join with the Biden Administration in urging you to make these bills a priority in your upcoming session.

The bills are also incredibly popular with the American people and people around the world who depend on digital platforms. Poll after poll has shown the public fed up with Big Tech's unchecked power and eager to support members getting tough with them. In a recent poll 77% of voters agreed Big Tech was too powerful and 65% were more likely to support their representative if they voted for greater Big Tech regulation.

As history writes the final chapters of the 117th Congress, you face a consequential choice on how it concludes. Passing the American Innovation and Choice Online Act and the Open App Markets Act would mark a triumphant, bipartisan and politically popular win. The choice is yours.

Signed,

Access Now
Accountable Tech
Africa Freedom of Information Centre
American Economic Liberties Project
American Family Voices
Appalshop Community Media Initiative
Artist Rights Alliance
Athena
Blue Future
Center for Digital Democracy
Color Of Change
Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws
Consumer Federation of America
Consumer Reports
Demand Progress
Demos
Economic Security Project Action
Farm Action Fund
Fight Corporate Monopolies
Fight for the Future
Future of Music Coalition
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
LobbyControl

Main Street Alliance
Media Alliance
Newark Leadership for Education Equity and Diversity
Open Markets Institute
Open Media
Oregonizers
Other98
Our Revolution
Oxfam America
Progress America
P Street (PCCC)
Public Citizen
Public Knowledge
RootsAction.org
Social Security Works
Southeast Asia Freedom of Expression Network
Surveillance Technology Oversight Project
The Tech Oversight Project
UltraViolet
United We Dream
Woodhull Freedom Foundation
Writers Guild of America West