

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 1, 2021

Lina Khan  
Chair  
Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Chair Khan:

We write to urge the Federal Trade Commission to continue its efforts to hold Facebook accountable for potential violations of the antitrust laws.

The conduct alleged in the FTC's complaint against Facebook raised serious competitive concerns. Claims that Facebook acquired Instagram and WhatsApp to prevent them from emerging as competitive rivals and that it blocked rival applications from interoperating with Facebook's systems to prevent them from growing into serious competitors are deeply troubling. As the Judge himself noted, the federal antitrust agencies rarely bring antitrust cases against Big Tech -- an approach that has resulted in the overwhelming consolidation of power in the hands of a few digital platforms, including Facebook.

Accordingly, it is essential that the Commission take action to deter anticompetitive conduct by digital monopolists by ensuring that they are held liable for antitrust violations to the full extent of the law. Competition and innovation in America's digital economy depend on it. That is why we support providing additional resources for antitrust enforcement and why each of us has proposed legislation to strengthen the antitrust laws.

We urge the Federal Trade Commission to continue to pursue enforcement action against Facebook and to consider all available options under the law for ensuring that the Commission's claims receive a full and fair hearing before the court. The public deserves no less.

We stand ready to support the Commission's efforts to protect competition and consumers in digital markets and beyond. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



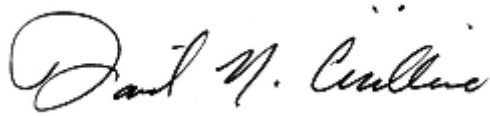
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