June 18, 2020

The Honorable David Cicilline  
Chairman  
House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust,  
Commercial and Administrative Law  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust,  
Commercial and Administrative Law  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member  
House Judiciary Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cicilline, Ranking Member Sensenbrenner, Chairman Nadler, and Ranking Member Jordan:

We write to urge you to move swiftly to compel the testimony of the chief executives and any other relevant leaders of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google — and to subpoena any necessary documents that those entities might be withholding from your subcommittee.

These corporations wield extraordinary power over our communities, commerce, and communications — power that will only continue to increase through the pandemic. We applaud your having recognized, and acted upon, the imperative to learn more about the business practices of the dominant platforms and the impacts thereof on our economy and democracy. After a year of work on your bipartisan investigation, and with only six months remaining in the current legislative session, now is the time to act to ensure that the investigation can be brought to a successful conclusion and that any subsequent report can be written with full consideration given to all relevant materials.

Moreover, potential perjury by an Amazon employee before your committee, and a seeming unwillingness by other companies to be entirely forthcoming, must be met with the seriousness that these behaviors warrant. The alternative is to cement the perception — and perhaps even the reality — that these monopolies can act with impunity, operate outside of the jurisdiction of Congress and regulators, and otherwise ignore the rule of law.

Sincerely,

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American Booksellers Association  
American Economic Liberties Project  
American Family Voices  
American Independent Business Alliance  
Americans for Financial Reform  
Artist Rights Alliance  
Athena  
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Center for Popular Democracy  
Change to Win  
Climate Hawks Vote
Color Of Change
Common Cause
Common Dreams
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
Courage California
Dane Buy Local
Demand Progress Education Fund
Democracy for America
Democratic Coalition
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Fight for the Future
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Freedom From Facebook & Google
Future of Music Coalition
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Stand Up Nashville
StayLocal
SumOfUs
Tech Transparency Project
Think Local First DC
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
Working Families Party

Cc: Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law