

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Professor Paul:

On June 3, 2019, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee initiated an investigation into the state of competition in the digital marketplace.<sup>1</sup> As part of this investigation, the Committee is conducting an assessment of the adequacy of existing antitrust laws, competition policies, and current enforcement levels.<sup>2</sup> To assist in this matter, we invite you to submit your views—along with any recommended reforms—on the following topics insofar as they concern competition in the digital marketplace:

1. The adequacy of existing laws that prohibit monopolization and monopolistic conduct, including whether current statutes and case law are suitable to address any potentially anti-competitive conduct;
2. The adequacy of existing laws that prohibit anti-competitive transactions, including whether current statutes and case law are sufficient to address potentially anti-competitive vertical and conglomerate mergers, serial acquisitions, data acquisitions, or acquisitions of potential competitors; and
3. Whether the institutional structure of antitrust enforcement—including the current levels of appropriations to the antitrust agencies, existing agency authorities, congressional oversight of enforcement, and current statutes and case law—is adequate to promote the robust enforcement of the antitrust laws.

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<sup>1</sup> Press Release, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, House Judiciary Committee Launches Bipartisan Investigation into Competition in Digital Markets (June 3, 2019), <https://judiciary.house.gov/news/press-releases/house-judiciary-committee-launches-bipartisan-investigation-competition-digital>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

Furthermore, we encourage you to submit any other information that you believe may be relevant to the Committee's investigation. We request that you submit your views by April 3, 2020.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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