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Dear Chairman Cicilline

It certainly looks like the US has started the year with an antitrust bang, continuing the great work undertaken in 2021 to rein in Big Tech. We remain encouraged by the legislative proposals together with the vision for setting a global standard in tech regulation.

I wanted to touch base on your *American Innovation and Choice Online Act*, of which we are hugely supportive, naturally. There is some text in the Bill that we believe will be a gamechanger for the future of small businesses like Kelkoo and many others – and in our view, should remain in the Bill at all costs. Only then, will genuine choice and competition be restored.

Key wording:

SEC. 2. UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT.

(a) VIOLATION.—It shall be unlawful for a person operating a covered platform, in or affecting commerce, to engage in any conduct in connection with the operation of the covered platform that -

(1) advantages the covered platform operator's own products, services, or lines of business over those of another business user;

(2) excludes or disadvantages the products, services, or lines of business of another business user relative to the covered platform operator's own products, services, or lines of business;

I hope this is helpful for your deliberations and am always available to provide further input and insights.

I look forward to hearing from you and in the meantime, I wish you a happy and healthy 2022.



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