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Senator Amy Klobuchar Chairwoman Judiciary Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust and Consumer Rights 425 Dirksen Senate Building Washington DC 20510 Senator Chuck Grassley Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

By Email

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Dear Chairwoman Klobuchar and Ranking Member Grassley

## **RE: Updated American Innovation and Choice Online Act**

I wanted to thank you both for the updated Bill which clarifies any previous perceived ambiguities whilst maintaining the heart and substance of this much needed legislation. Your combined energy and commitment to pulling out all the stops to get this landmark Bill passed must be applauded. We absolutely agree that now is the time for the Senate to act. Our comparison shopping business, like many other US businesses, continues to be decimated by Big Tech's self-preferencing behavior and the longer this abuse continues, the more American consumers are harmed. Big Tech clearly presents a clear and present danger – the false narratives that are being pedaled to scaremonger consumers is breathtaking to say the least. Amazon Prime is a case in point. The truth is that Amazon Prime will become cheaper because consumers will be able to unbundle and just buy the specific service they need. Sadly, we don't have Big Tech's deep pockets to run TV ads telling the truth.

However, as always, we are committed to being as helpful and supportive as we can to effect much needed legislative change and create a level playing field for small businesses. We are an active member of the Antitrust Day Coalition coordinated by Fight for the Future and DuckDuckGo. Next month, we, and a handful of businesses, will be visiting Washington DC and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your offices and discuss how we can support you further. We would be more than happy to call a press conference, collectively detailing why the American Innovation and Choice Online Act is so important and why it must be passed. In short, we are at your disposal and willing to do what ever is necessary to get the Bill over the line.

Once again, thank you and I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

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