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Congressman David Cicilline
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Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner
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Dear Chairman Nadler, Ranking Member Jordan, Chairman Cicilline, and Ranking Member Sensenbrenner:

The Committee's investigation into competition in digital markets is of paramount importance today, as the dominant digital platforms—Google, Amazon, Facebook, and Apple—have only increased their power during the COVID-19 crisis. Recent news reports indicate that not all of these companies have been fully compliant with the Committee's requests for documents, and in particular with the request that the CEO of each company testify at a hearing before the Antitrust Subcommittee.

We thank the Committee for your attention to the power of dominant digital platforms and the detailed work you are doing to identify the harms that consumers, businesses, and communities face as a result of the lack of competition in these markets. Public Knowledge believes that the Committee's access to necessary documents from these companies as well as hearing appearances from their CEOs is a vital part of the investigation. Furthermore, time is of the essence with both of these requests, as the legislative calendar is quickly evaporating before our eyes.

We therefore urge you to move forward with subpoenas for the necessary documents as well as for hearing appearances by the CEOs of any of these four companies that do not agree to voluntarily appear. We look forward to continuing to work with the Committee as the investigation wraps up and in particular on turning the findings and conclusions of the Committee's report into action.

Sincerely,

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