

December 9th, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Request to Advance H.R. 8152, the American Data Privacy and Protection Act, to a Floor Vote

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

The undersigned 23 civil rights, privacy, labor, and consumer protection organizations urge you to advance the American Data Privacy and Protection Act (ADPPA) to a vote by the full House of Representatives before the end of the 117th Congress. We strongly believe that this Congress presents the best opportunity to pass comprehensive privacy legislation over the next few years, which is even more vital in a post-Dobbs world.

Some of the benefits of passing ADPPA now would be stronger protections for kids' and teens' data than under current law, including a ban on targeted advertising to anyone under 17 years old and a new Federal Trade Commission office focused on youth marketing. It also includes comprehensive data broker regulations and global opt-outs for consumers. ADPPA combines strong data minimization requirements that limit the collection, use, and sharing of information with strong anti-discrimination provisions. The bill not only protects people's privacy, but also ensures that everyone will have their civil rights protected online.

Bringing ADPPA to the floor of the House does not mean it cannot be further strengthened. The bill sponsors have demonstrated that they will listen to stakeholder criticism and address concerns; as evidenced by the changes made to this bill from introduction to the subcommittee hearing to the full committee vote. However, there is a narrow window in which to act. For years, your strong leadership has been relied on in Congress to usher in large, transformative legislation. ADPPA is another piece of large, transformative legislation that with your leadership should become law and usher in real meaningful privacy protections for all consumers.

The time is now to pass a comprehensive federal privacy law. The public wants and deserves real privacy protections. A bipartisan group of members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted overwhelmingly to advance this legislation for consideration by the full House. Failure to move the bill in this Congress will continue to limit us to the same piecemeal approach that Congress has always taken to address privacy. ADPPA provides long overdue and much needed protections to individuals and communities. We urge you to advance this bill to a vote as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Access Now
ADL (Anti-Defamation League)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC
Center for Democracy & Technology
Center for Digital Democracy
Common Sense Media
Common Cause
Communication Workers of America
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)
Fairplay
Fight for the Future
Filipina Women's Network
Free Press Action
Japanese Americans Citizen League
Muslim Advocates
National Employment Law Project
National Consumers League
New America's Open Technology Institute
Public Knowledge
Ranking Digital Rights
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)