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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Pallone:

Big Tech is increasingly becoming a destructive force. Our sincere hope was that Big Tech would take seriously the significant role they play in our society and do better to responsibly manage their platforms. Last Congress, we requested you hold a hearing with several Big Tech CEOs to get answers and push them to improve their practices. Unfortunately, Big Tech’s behavior has increasingly worsened. It is clear this Committee must take leadership and act. We write to you again to request you hold a hearing on Big Tech and immediately issue invitations to the CEOs of Twitter, Google, Facebook, and Apple.

Energy and Commerce Republicans recently unveiled our Big Tech Accountability Platform to begin the important work of holding Big Tech accountable. Our Platform is guided by four principles: 1) increasing meaningful transparency; 2) enhancing oversight and accountability; 3) pushing for consistency and objectivity; and 4) exploring competition issues so innovation is unleashed, not quashed. These principles will be the foundation for our work on Big Tech Responsibility and Big Tech Power.

We hope you will join us in this important work. Big Tech presents big challenges and we strongly believe many of the issues are bipartisan. As we work to hold Big Tech accountable, we should hear directly from these Big Tech CEOs. We urge you to invite these companies to come before our Committee so the American people can get answers.
Thank you,

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