

To President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr.:

Congratulations on your historic election victory. The below undersigned organizations are a broad coalition that represent millions of Americans concerned about the concentrated power of Big Tech companies. We look forward to working with your administration to address the harms posed by Big Tech.

As you prepare for the presidential transition, we write to urge you to reject the influence of these corporations by committing to exclude Big Tech executives, lobbyists, lawyers and consultants from your administration. Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, and Microsoft once promised innovation and opportunity, and while they continue to provide many remarkable products, they now represent serious threats to privacy, democracy, innovation, and Americans' economic well-being. Each of these companies have developed predatory business practices that [harvest](#) user data for profit. Over the last few years, we have seen how Facebook and Google irresponsibly wield immense influence over [democratic](#) elections, without oversight or accountability. Despite the myth that Silicon Valley is rife with entrepreneurs and small businesses capable of disrupting entire industries, these companies have [killed](#), rather than fostered innovation. And during the worst health crisis in recent history, Amazon has taken advantage of Americans struggling with the pandemic, [tripling](#) their profits on [price gouged](#) essential goods.

We believe that your administration must confront the threats posed by the monopolistic Big Tech companies that have exploited consumer privacy, threatened our democracy, stifled innovation, and profited from the pandemic. The time to hold these companies accountable and rein in their power is now. However, we can only bring these companies to account if you do not rely on affiliates of these very companies to make up your government.

Big Tech companies already have significant power and influence in Washington. The companies have massively [increased](#) lobbying and campaign spending in recent years, and Facebook and Amazon each [spend](#) more on lobbying than any other company in the country.

But the tide is turning.

In recent years, both the public and policy makers alike have begun to see them for what they are: the largest and most valuable companies in the world that have prioritized the pursuit of profit at the expense of American health, welfare, and democracy. In fact, recent [polling](#) conducted by Pew Research Center showed that nearly half of Americans want to see Big Tech regulated. In addition, the House Antitrust Subcommittee just completed a historic [investigation](#) into the monopoly abuses of Big Tech, and found bipartisan support for legislative and regulatory recommendations to rein in their power. Further, the US Department of Justice recently joined with a group of state Attorneys General to file a historic antitrust suit against Google, and a bipartisan group of states are planning to file an addition suit against Google soon. In addition, and the Federal Trade Commission and numerous states are investigating Facebook, Amazon, and Apple. These companies are the subject of bipartisan investigation and skepticism and should not be a source for personnel in your administration.

We look forward to meeting with your team. They will need to tackle unprecedented challenges of combatting COVID-19, providing economic recovery, promoting racial justice, and tackling the climate

crisis. Solving these challenges will require a team of advocates for working people—not the Big Tech companies that work to exploit them.

With your historic election, and the groundbreaking mandate that Americans have thus entrusted you with, you are facing the challenge of not only rebuilding the country, but also rebuilding trust in government. We believe that eliminating the decades-old revolving door between Silicon Valley and your administration will only help your cause. We look forward to working with your administration to hold Big Tech companies accountable in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Public Citizen  
Demand Progress Education Fund  
Action Center on Race & the Economy  
American Economic Liberties Project  
American Family Voices  
Americans for Financial Reform  
Artist Rights Alliance  
Athena  
Awood Center  
Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood  
Center for Digital Democracy  
Consumer Action  
Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)  
Fight for the Future  
Fix Democracy First  
Food & Water Watch  
Future of Music Coalition  
Global Exchange  
Institute for Local Self-Reliance  
Jobs With Justice  
Main Street Alliance  
Make the Road New York  
Media Alliance  
Open Markets Institute  
Organic Consumers Association  
Other98  
Parent Coalition for Student Privacy  
People's Parity Project  
Progressive Democrats of America  
Revolving Door Project  
Sciencecorps  
Take on Wall Street  
The Democratic Coalition