

A Resolution of the South Carolina Republican Party Urging Congress To Regulate Big Tech

WHEREAS, According to a study by Ipsos in February 2022, 67 percent of Republicans and 65 percent of Democrats believe that we should break up large monopolistic technology companies;

WHEREAS, The influence that Big Tech social media companies have on American political life has surpassed that of traditional media;

WHEREAS, Big Tech giants like Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google have dominated the digital landscape, using their platforms to limit and ultimately dictate how we search, share and shop;

WHEREAS, Big Tech limits the options available for consumers and this disadvantages small businesses, entrepreneurs and consumers alike;

WHEREAS, Many of these Big Tech companies have used their platforms to effectively spy on consumers, collecting personal data, oftentimes without the knowledge of the user;

WHEREAS, The *American Innovation and Choice Online Act* will set clear, effective rules to protect competition and users doing business on dominant online platforms, including:

- a) Prohibiting dominant platforms from abusing their gatekeeper power by favoring their own products or services, disadvantaging rivals, or discriminating against businesses that use their platforms in a manner that would materially harm competition on the platform; and
- b) Prohibiting specific forms of conduct that are harmful to small businesses, entrepreneurs, and consumers, but that do not have any pro-competitive benefit, including:
 1. Preventing another business's product or service from interoperating with the dominant platform or another business;
 2. Requiring a business to buy a dominant platform's goods or services for preferred placement on its platform;
 3. Misusing a business's data to compete against them; and
 4. Biasing search results in favor of the dominant firm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That Congress should review and pass the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, sponsored by Senator Grassley and Senator Graham, and enact all such legislation as necessary to prohibit Big Tech companies from harming open and fair competition across this nation;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee enthusiastically supports this Senate bill, The American Innovation and Choice Online Act, and urges voters to contact all members of their Congressional Delegations and ask them to co-sponsor this bill and do all within their power to pass this bill out of the House and Senate.