

EXPERTS SAY:

CONGRESS' ANTI-TECH BREAKUP BILLS WOULD GREATLY HARM EVERYDAY AMERICANS

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Legislation in Congress could impact the way American consumers and small businesses use technology in their everyday lives by severely degrading safety and convenience. Here's what the experts are saying:

These bills would upend the way Americans use things like Amazon Prime and Google Search.

"If implemented, the Klobuchar bill would ban services and products that make life more convenient and affordable for American shoppers. Amazon would no longer be able to offer free Prime shipping or sell generic AmazonBasics products more affordable than name-brand goods. Google would be banned from displaying YouTube links or Maps directions when searched."

— **Tom Hebert, Americans For Tax Reform**

"Google, for example, would probably not be able to show Google Maps in its search engine, or at least not as a leading search result, which could lead to a lot of frustrated drivers. Amazon's Prime program might go away entirely. At the very least, Amazon's house brands would become harder to find and might not qualify for free shipping. There would be plenty of consumer aggravation, and no consumer benefits."

— **Ryan Young, Competitive Enterprise Institute**

These bills would jeopardize security measures that help keep Americans' data private and their online experience safe.

"This bill creates an environment on our mobile devices that is much more prone to viruses and hacks."

— **NetChoice**

"The legislation would render most platform-level privacy measures illegal and force platforms to accept an app's access to personal information. This text would greatly inhibit a developer's ability to use privacy measures as a competitive advantage and could reduce consumer trust in platform curation."

— **ACT | The App Association**

These bills would threaten the tools that small businesses use every day to reach customers, build trust, and drive growth.

"The extreme legal risk created by such proposals will make it difficult for small businesses to access online marketplaces, which have been vital for their growth and success. These online marketplaces and platforms not only provided lifelines to small businesses during the pandemic, but also provided the opportunity for small businesses, startups, and entrepreneurs to access the pool of consumers and enjoy the free or low-cost online tools and services these marketplaces offer."

— Krisztina Pusok, American Consumer Institute

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— Rob Retzlaff, Connected Commerce Council

These bills would arbitrarily disadvantage our most successful companies and force them to provide data and proprietary information to foreign rivals, opening the door for Chinese competitors to continue their ascent.

"Recent congressional antitrust proposals that target specific American technology firms would degrade critical R&D priorities, allow foreign competitors to displace leaders in the U.S. tech sector both at home and abroad, and potentially put sensitive U.S. data and IP in the hands of Beijing."

— Joint Letter to Congress from twelve former national security officials, including former Director of National Intelligence, Director of the CIA, Deputy Director of the NSA, and Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence.

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