

EXPERTS SAY:

SENATOR KLOBUCHAR'S ANTI-TECH BILL WILL BREAK GOOGLE PRODUCTS

(S. 2992 AND H.R. 3816)



Google

Senators Klobuchar, Grassley, and other cosponsors introduced S. 2992, the "American Innovation and Choice Online Act" (AICOA). Experts who have analyzed the details of the bill and how it works have come to a clear conclusion:

The bill will break many of the free Google products and services that consumers and small businesses use every day, such as Google Search, Maps, and Drive.

Matt Schruers

Computer And Communications Industry Association

"Apart from national security implications, consumers have a great deal to lose. These proposals would prohibit integrations across the digital economy, like Google Maps results in Google Search."

Patrice Onwuka

Independent Women's Forum

"Yet, the conveniences and accessibility that small businesses depend upon may be at risk by this new antitrust bill. Instead of creating a more equal playing field for big and small companies to compete, the American Innovation and Choice Online Act creates hurdles for small businesses that run counter to antitrust objectives. For example, by ending targeted campaigns, it will be more difficult for small businesses like black-owned and veteran-owned enterprises to find customers for their unique goods and services."

Jessica Melugin

Competitive Enterprise Institute

"Google would not be able to display its map at the top of search results for local businesses"

Adam Kovacevich

Chamber Of Progress

"But if Klobuchar's goal is to 'ensure that popular tech features, such as pre-installed phone apps or convenient Google Maps features prominently located within Google searches, are not restricted,' the draft bill doesn't do that at all."

Krisztina Pusok
The American Consumer Institute

"Congress should be prudent of any proposals that inadvertently undermine consumer welfare, including the American Innovation and Choice Online Act. Failing to recognize this will only punish successful and innovative businesses and deny consumers current and potential benefits, while also showing consumers they are not the pre-eminent concern in antitrust law and enforcement."

Tom Hebert
Americans For Tax Reform

"If implemented, the Klobuchar bill would ban services and products that make life more convenient and affordable for American shoppers... Google would be banned from displaying YouTube links or Maps directions when searched."

Lindsay Mark Lewis
Progressive Policy Institute

"In polling battleground voters across America, we found no public groundswell for breaking up or drastically regulating U.S. technology companies. In fact, just three percent of voters identified changing the way tech companies operate as a top economic priority. When asked about the impact these proposals could have on our everyday relationship with products like Amazon Prime and Marketplace or Google Maps and other Google apps, a strong majority opposed the potential impact of these bills."

NetChoice

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Raymond Jay Keating
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council

"When government steps in to dictate or limit business models, there will be inevitable costs and consequences, some foreseen and others unforeseen. So, government threatening technology companies with antitrust action due to how such firms offer and present their own products that are similar to those offered by other companies seems like an undertaking designed to have these technology companies limit product offerings from other businesses, including from entrepreneurs and small businesses. Competition from emerging, existing and future competitors is a wondrous spur to innovation, with consumers ultimately calling the shot. Government stepping in to interfere in that process will only lead to less innovation, reduced entrepreneurship, and leaving consumers worse off."