



THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Dear Mr. Shang,

Thank you for writing to me. While rapid technological advancement has helped connect us and opened up exciting possibilities for what the world can be, the rise of tech platforms has also introduced new and difficult challenges, from deteriorating mental health and well-being to the erosion of basic rights of Americans and communities worldwide. In particular, a handful of large tech companies have prioritized profits over the health, well-being, and safety of the public; they operate with minimal transparency and have evaded accountability for too long.

At the heart of American capitalism lies a simple idea: open and fair competition. The Internet should be no exception. Instead, rapid growth of digital platforms and social media companies has outpaced federal regulations, leading to a massive technology industry controlled by only a few big players. Rather than competing for consumers, big tech companies are consuming their competitors, leaving Americans fewer choices for internet platforms, providers, and online marketplaces and less control over how their personal data is acquired and used.

We are at an inflection point and have the opportunity to both bring back much-needed competition while promoting transparency, accountability, and equity in the technology sector. I was proud to sign an Executive Order that crystalized my Administration's commitment to help reign in big tech by challenging bad mergers, enforcing antitrust laws, and establishing rules on surveillance, data collection, and consumer privacy. And I continue to call on Congress to address the power of tech platforms, strengthen privacy protections, and ban targeted advertising to our children.

I appreciate your concern about big tech, and I am dedicated to ensuring that the Government continues to put you, the American people, first in everything we do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden", with a large diagonal slash through it.