



Rep. Tom Emmer on Reps Emmer and DeFazio Talk about the APP Act

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Hello everyone, Congressman Tom Emmer here at the Capitol with my friend and colleague, Congressman Peter DeFazio, and today we want to talk to you about our bill, the Advancing and Promoting Programming Act, otherwise known as the App Act. Today is the launch of the Congressional App Challenge, a competition that encourages high school students to design their own mobile device applications. So in conjunction with that, we thought this would be the perfect week to promote our bill, which promotes app development so that we can officially bring our country into the 21st century and beyond. Our bill would accomplish a variety of things, helping us to achieve this goal. The App Act will create a single website that will provide information on all the federal funding that's currently available for the creation of apps, in order to let individuals and small businesses easily access this information and apply for funding. It also creates an app store for the hundreds of federal government apps already available, where American consumers can rate, comment on different government apps, and ensure that obsolete apps are retired when necessary. Additionally, the App Act will provide government, non-profits, and businesses resources for the purpose of educating and training the next generation of programmers. As the digital revolution continues to spread like wildfire throughout the world, it is our utmost duty to keep this nation relevant and globally competitive, and we believe that the App Act will do just that. For more information on this important bill, feel free to visit my website emmer.house.gov or mine at defazio.house.gov. Thanks for listening, and have a great week!

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