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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Competition and Consumer Protection in the 21st Century Hearing, Project Number P181201

Companies who are using data collection of personal information to make a profit for themselves are invading my right to privacy. It is not any of their business what I do, especially if they are going to profit from it. I have ownership over my personal, private data. I do not appreciate them taking it.

When you sign up for service they have terms and conditions. It takes too long to read, and you have to agree anyway, or you can't sign up. I don't think this is fair. Most people are like me and don't read it, we just know we must accept it or we don't get access. People need to know exactly what is going on. It should be written in black and white, so it is easy to understand.

Companies who say they are giving you a free service in exchange for collecting personal information aren't really giving you something for free then are they? It is not a fair trade, it is an infringement on my privacy rights. They are getting paid by advertisers, they do not need my data.

Goggle is using their dominance to control the market. We have anti-trust laws, so why are they getting away with this? With competition comes better prices for consumers. I would love to have more options. I want to know what companies are known to be abusing consumers. I have a right to know that, so I can make an informed decision of who I want to do business with. We need competition. Competition in a free market is the only thing that works.

Censorship is against the first amendment. You only get a skewed view. They are trying to influence me politically or in other ways and that is a threat to me.

I want to see the end of this online surveillance because it is against my privacy rights.

Sincerely,

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