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To Whom It May Concern:

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

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the practice of some large companies collecting and selling my personal data. I can go search something on Amazon, then later go to Facebook and there is exactly what I was searching for on Amazon. This is not right, it is my personal information. It is not their data to share or sell.

When trying to read the terms and conditions on sites such as Chrome, Google, or Facebook, the print is so small. You need a magnifying glass to read it and a lawyer to interpret it for you. It should be written clearly, in larger print and they should have a box for you to check if you want to opt in. My private information is not theirs to exploit.

Collecting and selling my information in exchange for using their services for free is fair in a roundabout way, but it is still my data and they should not be using it without my explicit permission. It seems that everything I am seeing on Facebook is getting to be the same thing repeatedly. This is because they are collecting data and targeting what they think I want to see, or it could be because they are trying to censor what I see. They have no right what so ever to be flagging information. it is my decision to watch it or not. Censorship leads to Russian communism.

More competition would be better for consumers. Look at Facebook for example, there is no one else to turn to. They have a monopoly over that platform.

Consumers should have knowledge of companies who are known to be abusing our personal information. We should have a choice between those companies and other companies who are operating in an acceptable manner.

Every company that receives our information put it at risk. Companies that use Social Security numbers should use another way to identify consumers. Our Social Security numbers are supposed to be private.

My daughter had a Capital One credit card and some unknown person charged about \$1,500 dollars. She was able to recover almost half of it through the credit card company and lost the rest. That was a lot of money to lose. What she went through upset me and it made me concerned about my own account with Capital One. I want to see the end of surveillance period, online and off.

Sincerely,

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