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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, NW,
SUITE CC-5610 (ANNEX C)
WASHINGTON, DC 20580

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
RE: COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY
HEARING, PROJECT NUMBER P181201

I am all for data collection to help in retail market, I get it is intrusive, it is advertising, but it helps the free market. What I am absolutely against is any invasion of privacy, including collection of data that tells people where I am at, or what I am doing. Especially sharing that information with the government. They have no business knowing what I am doing. That is a fundamental right. Anything used for government purposes is a total invasion of privacy and I want no part of it. They need to get out of my life. I am all for technology and helping the private sector, that is all well and good.

These big companies practicing anti-competitive tactics need to be dissolved. I think they control too much, they have become a government on to themselves, they make their own rules, and nothing applies to them, because they have the money and the lobbyist to fight it.

I have no use for the Facebooks of the world, or any of those kinds of things. They don't provide that much of a service to start with. They are operating a one-way street; getting more than they are giving. I don't like lobbying efforts by anyone, from Exxon Mobile to Google. They get so big, make so much money that they can dictate, buy, and overtly control our politicians.

If there was ever a time for antitrust laws, this is it. The only practical thing to do is break up these big companies like they did with AT&T. They need to break them up and reign them in. I would call myself a conservative libertarian. I am not some left-wing nut that thinks every business is bad. What is going on with these large IT companies is getting out of hand.

Sincerely,




GREG GAUEN