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To Whom It May Concern:

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

I am concerned over the collection and selling of personal data by some large online companies. I worry about my children and grandchildren using websites and social media.

The terms and conditions go on for pages and pages. They are written in legal language that the average person cannot read or fully understand. Younger individuals are particularly vulnerable. They think they are speaking to a limited audience when in fact, they are not. The ramifications of having their private information sold or stolen are numerous. We need disclosures. We need to know where our personal information is going and what it is being used for.

It is my understanding that Facebook didn't get in trouble when they were sharing information with Liberals, but when they shared it with Conservatives, then everything came apart. Censorship is wrong.

Monopolies are concerning as well. It not only cuts down on competition, it effects the checks and balances.

You hear about identity theft, credit cards breached, the Equifax fiasco and it is very frightening. I am all for anything our new President is willing to do to clean up the practice of collecting and selling personal information on the internet, censorship and monopolies.

Sincerely,

Kay Gowens