

March 7, 2023

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell,

We write to you as a coalition of conservatives committed to protecting Americans' civil liberties from the harms of Big Tech monopolies. As you know, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) plays a crucial role in safeguarding the free market from deceptive and anti-competitive behavior. Big Tech companies have consistently leveraged their monopoly power to silence conservative voices,¹ undermine national security,² and subvert the sanctity of our democratic process.³

The resignations of Republicans Noah J. Phillips and Christine S. Wilson in October 2022 and February 2023, respectively, have led to two Republican vacancies on the five member agency. In August 2022, many of us wrote to you to urge the appointment of an individual with a strong commitment to reining in Big Tech to replace Phillips on the commission.⁴ The recent resignation of Wilson, which has led the body to become composed entirely of Democrats, means that there are two opportunities to elevate conservative skeptics of Big Tech to the body.⁵

No reasonable person can deny that Big Tech companies have put their thumbs on the scale to prop up the Democratic Party. But the sad truth is that despite Big Tech's lawless suppression of conservatives, previous FTC actions have enabled tech oligarchs' monopolistic practices.

Even as they've faced outcry for deplatforming conservatives and corrupting the electoral process, Big Tech companies have evaded true accountability. With both Republican seats on the commission open, there is a historic opportunity to nominate qualified conservatives willing to take Big Tech monopolists to task for their offenses. With the commission now made up entirely of Democrats, we urge your leadership to advance these needed nominations as swiftly as possible.

Sincerely,

¹ <https://www.newsweek.com/early-conservative-victory-war-big-tech-opinion-1748183>

² <https://www.heritage.org/technology/report/big-techs-national-security-red-herring>

³ <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/conservatives-must-use-antitrust-rein-big-tech-monopolies>

⁴ <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/conservatives-advocate-for-aggressive-ftc-nominee/>

⁵ <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/14/technology/ftc-commissioner-resigns-christine-wilson.html>

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