

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Democratic Leader
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Democratic Leader
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Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, and Democratic Leaders Jeffries and Schumer:

On behalf of the [Marketplace Industry Association](https://www.marketplaceindustryassociation.org) (MIA), I am writing to express our strong desire to work closely with you and other lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. MIA represents the dynamic ecosystem of small-midsize technology-enabled marketplace platforms that are vital to the American economy. Our platforms empower individuals to grow small businesses, find flexible work, connect with customers, and facilitate transactions across a wide range of sectors.

Our members are committed to building trust with their users, and we believe it's essential to have a voice in shaping federal and state technology policy. While we understand the need to address concerns related to the largest tech companies, it's crucial to recognize that the technology landscape is diverse. Regulatory proposals can disproportionately impact developing startups, a burgeoning tech ecosystem, and online marketplaces and digital platforms of all sizes and business models.

Therefore, MIA and our members are committed to engaging constructively in policy conversations to ensure that the perspectives of marketplaces and digital platforms are considered. Our goal is to preserve an environment that fosters innovation and limitless opportunity.

To that end, it is vital to maintain the integrity of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Section 230 has been instrumental in enabling American companies to thrive, benefiting consumers and countless small businesses for nearly 30 years. The internet would not be the economic driver and connector it is today without Section 230.

Furthermore, technology policy encompasses a wide array of issues that affect online platforms in various ways, including data privacy, online trust and safety, artificial intelligence, and competition. MIA is dedicated to working with lawmakers to develop policies that address real online issues while supporting a healthy and innovative marketplace ecosystem.

We are eager to collaborate with you and other policymakers in thoughtful and productive discussions on these critical issues. By working together, we can achieve a balanced regulatory framework that promotes innovation, protects users, and ensures the continued benefits of online marketplaces and digital platforms for the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeremy Gottschalk'.

Jeremy Gottschalk
Executive Director
Marketplace Industry Association