



## **Digital Progress Institute Applauds Bipartisan Reintroduction of the American Innovation and Choice Online Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grasley (R-IA) and Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) reintroduced the American Innovation and Choice Online Act (AICOA). The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Josh Hawley (R-MO), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

"It is encouraging to see bipartisan action to advance a straightforward American ideal: Markets work best when there is *real* competition—and when the biggest players can't rig the game in their own favor," said **Joel Thayer, President of the Digital Progress Institute**. "It is time for Big Tech's monopolistic practices to end, and we applaud these Senators for prioritizing the interests of consumers and small businesses. We hope the Committee will advance this legislation expeditiously.

"AICOA is grounded in more than a century of American antitrust law, running straight back to the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, and the bedrock principle that a monopolist cannot leverage control of an essential marketplace to crush competition. The bill would be enforced by antitrust authorities and adjudicated in American courts, where covered platforms receive the due process and affirmative defenses our legal tradition guarantees."