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Dear Commissioner Vestager,

We represent US companies that employ hundreds of thousands of workers across 50 states. We are writing to express our support for the Commission's enforcement action against Google.

As you near final decisions in the Shopping and Android cases, Google and its allies will no doubt continue to press through its lobbying and public relations machine the fiction that any adverse decision amounts to European "protectionism." As U.S. based companies, we wish to go on record that enforcement action against Google is necessary and appropriate, not provincial. We have watched Google undermine competition in the United States and abroad. Google operates on a global scale and across the entire online ecosystem, destroying jobs and stifling innovation.

Google and its allies may also claim that there is no factual basis for a decision against Google. That too is untrue. The case against Google, both in Europe and the United States, rests on sound legal and factual foundations. Indeed, the US Federal Trade Commission legal staff found that Google has monopoly power and that it engages in anticompetitive practices.

We believe that decisive action is necessary to restore competition and once again open the Internet to innovation and growth. We hope that your counterparts in the United States will use this as an opportunity to address similar anticompetitive conduct by Google.

Sincerely,

*Disconnect, Inc.*

*News Corporation*

*Trip.com*

*Getty Images, Inc.*

*News Media Alliance\**

*Yelp Inc.*

*Oracle Corporation*

\* News Media Alliance represents more than 250 companies that operate over 2,000 newspapers employing over 174,000 people across the United States.