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When we talk about data security, we typically focus on protecting power grids, payment networks, and other critical infrastructure to avoid a crippling attack. But we also know that the infiltration of commercial holdings o

Privacy and competition can go hand in hand, especially when consumers can access their data in portable and interoperable formats. We can increase privacy protections without crowning corporate royalty.

We don't need to start from scratch. Congress can build upon existing privacy laws, such as the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. Twenty years ago, industry incumbents warned that the bipartisan effort to protect children online would end in utter disaster for our information economy, and boy were they wrong.

COPPA has common sense ideas. Data collected for one purpose shouldn't be used for another purpose without your permission. You should have the ability to review the information collected about you. Companies should be upfront and honest about who they are sharing your data with. And strong protections should be backed by an enforcement regime that can hold companies and their operatl(n)8.7 2 (l)8.5 (d c)1

I'm confident that if Congress entrusts the FTC with the authority and resources to do more to protect families and businesses, we will deploy them efficiently and effectively, while continuing to promote a dynamic digital economy that truly benefits all of us.