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Ms. Gail Slater  
Assistant Attorney General Nominee  
Antitrust Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Ms. Slater,

On behalf of the Coalition for App Fairness (CAF), congratulations on your nomination to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. Your leadership and expertise will play a pivotal role in shaping the competitive landscape across the American economy, including our most innovative sector: technology.

As President-elect Trump noted when he announced your nomination, dominant tech platforms have stifled competition for years, using their market power to undermine the rights and freedom of millions of American consumers while stifling the growth of entrepreneurs, start-ups, small businesses, and Little Tech. Our coalition represents innovative developers that have suffered under the anticompetitive practices of two dominant tech monopolists: Apple and Google.

As you prepare to undertake this critical new role, we urge you to prioritize addressing Apple's and Google's abuse of millions of American developers and consumers. Over the past decade, the dominance of Apple and Google as gatekeepers of the mobile app economy has stifled innovation and economic growth, restricted businesses of all sizes from competing on a level playing field, and artificially raised prices for American consumers.

The Department of Justice's recent antitrust lawsuits against major technology companies – some of which were initiated during President Trump's first term – were crucial steps in reining in unchecked corporate power. These cases highlight the importance of holding dominant platforms accountable, ensuring that their market influence does not harm American consumers or stifle innovation, and preventing these businesses from operating as if they're above American law. Your leadership will be instrumental in continuing this fight, particularly when it comes to Apple and Google – their abusive behavior must be met with the necessary scrutiny and enforcement.

The Coalition for App Fairness stands ready to assist the Antitrust Division to foster an environment where competition drives innovation, empowers entrepreneurs, and delivers better choices to consumers. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss our priorities in more detail. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with the Trump Administration to Make America Competitive Again.

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The Coalition for App Fairness