

Carr Applauds Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, Ranking Members Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Jim Jordan on Move to Rein in Big Tech

WASHINGTON, June 28, 2021—Yesterday, House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy announced that he will join Ranking Members Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Jim Jordan—the top Republicans on the House Commerce Committee and Judiciary Committee, respectively—to roll out a framework that would end Big Tech’s abusive practices. Their framework is centered on promoting transparency, accountability, and strengthened antitrust review.

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr released the following statement in response:

“This is a bold move to rein in Big Tech,” Carr stated. “Free speech and free markets are central to individual liberty and to our economic prosperity. Yet Big Tech is actively undermining these fundamental interests. They now have more control over more speech than any institution in history. They are using their unchecked power to silence people and ideas. And they are abusing their dominant positions in the market to eliminate any potential threat to their gatekeeper power. In short, there has never been a larger gap between power and accountability.

“The thoughtful framework that Republican Leader McCarthy and Ranking Members McMorris Rodgers and Jordan are rolling out will address Big Tech’s threats to free speech and free markets by promoting accountability, transparency, and strengthened antitrust reviews. I applaud their strong leadership.”

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