

# Key Policymakers on Issues Impacting Startups

## Senate Commerce Committee

This committee has jurisdiction over several issues impacting the technology sector, including telecommunications and broadband policy and consumer protection, such as data privacy and security rules. The committee also has oversight powers over the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

**Chair:** Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

**Ranking Member:** Ted Cruz (R-Texas)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- Communications, Media, & Broadband - Chair: Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), Ranking Member: John Thune (R-S.D.)
- Consumer Protection, Product Safety, & Data Security - Chair: John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Ranking Member: Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.)

## Senate Banking, Housing, & Urban Affairs Committee

The committee has jurisdiction over financial and banking policy issues, touching largely on issues pertaining to capital access, the SEC, and bank regulation issues.

**Chair:** Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)

**Ranking Member:** Tim Scott (R-S.C.)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- Financial Institutions & Consumer Protection - Chair: Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), Ranking Member: Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)
- Securities, Insurance, & Investment - Chair: Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), Ranking Member: Mike Rounds (R-S.D.)

## House Energy & Commerce Committee

The committee oversees several key issues for startups including telecommunications issues like broadband access and consumer protection issues like data privacy and security.

**Chair:** Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.)

**Ranking Member:** Frank Pallone (D-N.J.)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- Innovation, Data, & Commerce - Chair: Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.), Ranking Member: Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.)
- Communications & Technology - Chair: Bob Latta (R-Ohio), Ranking Member: Doris Matsui (D-Calif.)

## House Financial Services Committee

This committee has jurisdiction over financial/banking policy issues. The committee touches on issues pertaining to capital access, the SEC and bank regulation.

**Chair:** Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.)

**Ranking Member:** Maxine Waters (D-Calif.)

### Relevant Subcommittees:

- Capital Markets - Chair: Ann Wagner (R-Mo.), Ranking Member: Brad Sherman (D-Calif.)
- Financial Institutions & Monetary Policy - Chair: Andy Barr (R-Ky.), Ranking Member: Bill Foster (D-Ill.)
- Digital Assets, Financial Technology & Inclusion - Chair: French Hill (R-Ark.), Ranking Member: Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.)

## Senate Judiciary Committee

The key for startups areas within this committee's jurisdiction include antitrust, intellectual property, and the courts. The committee oversees antitrust enforcement and competition policy at the federal agencies including the Department of Justice Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission. The committee also oversees the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. Copyright Office.

**Chair:** Dick Durbin (D-Ill.)

**Ranking Member:** Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- Competition Policy, Antitrust, & Consumer Rights - Chair: Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Ranking Member: Mike Lee (R-Utah)
- Intellectual Property - Chair: Chris Coons (D-Del.), Ranking Member: Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)
- Privacy, Technology & the Law - Chair: Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Ranking Member: Josh Hawley (R-Mo.)

## Senate Finance Committee

This committee has jurisdiction over tax and trade policy, and has oversight of the Treasury Department, the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the International Trade Administration.

**Chair:** Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)

**Ranking Member:** Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- International Trade, Customs, & Global Competitiveness - Chair: Tom Carper (D-Del.), Ranking Member: John Cornyn (R-Texas)

## House Judiciary Committee

The committee oversees antitrust and competition policy, and intellectual property issues like patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets.

**Chair:** Jim Jordan (R-Ohio)

**Ranking Member:** Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, & Antitrust - Chair: Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), Ranking Member: Lou Correa (D-Calif.)
- Courts, Intellectual Property, & the Internet - Chair: Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), Hank Johnson (D-Ga.)

## House Ways & Means Committee

The committee has jurisdiction over trade and tax policy issues, which touches on things like digital trade policies and tax credits that encourage investment in startups and help attract early-stage employees.

**Chair:** Jason Smith (R-Mo.)

**Ranking Member:** Richard Neal (D-Mass.)

### Relevant subcommittees:

- Trade - Chair: Adrian Smith (R-Neb.), Ranking Member: Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.)