



FREE & FAIR MARKETS INITIATIVE RESPONDS TO COMMENTS FROM AMAZON EXECUTIVE

The Free & Fair Markets Initiative (FFMI) today released the following statement from Martin Chávez, spokesperson for FFMI, following comments from Amazon senior vice president Russell Grandinetti in [The Sunday Times](#).

“Amazon’s belief that it is not responsible for destroying jobs and shuttering small businesses in our communities is simply astonishing.”

“Amazon has been given sweetheart deal after sweetheart deal, which has allowed it to crush competition and left taxpayers and business owners across the country left to pick up the pieces while the company has raked in more than [\\$1.5 billion](#) in tax giveaways.”

“One of the richest companies in the world absolutely has an obligation to our communities when they helped pay for its growth, and that includes ensuring that there is a vibrant business community to the benefit of consumers and taxpayers alike.”

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ABOUT THE FREE AND FAIR MARKETS INITIATIVE

The Free & Fair Markets Initiative (FFMI) is a non-profit coalition of businesses, consumer advocacy groups, workers and community activists committed to scrutinizing and highlighting emerging market trends that are stifling competition and innovation, influencing federal and local government spending, putting consumer data in harm’s way and limiting consumer choice. For a list of members, please visit <https://freeandfairmarketsinitiative.org/about-us/members/>. For more information on the Free & Fair Markets Initiative, please visit <https://freeandfairmarketsinitiative.org>.