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## **FFMI Statement On Amazon Data Breach**

In response to reports that Amazon left crucial consumer data unprotected, Robert B. Engel, chief spokesperson for the Free & Fair Markets Initiative issued the following statement:

“Amazon is bidding on a major Pentagon cloud contract to store our country’s most sensitive secrets, yet it can’t even protect the email addresses of its own customers. And in true Amazon form, the company is providing almost no details about what happened here.

The fact is that data privacy is an issue that extends far beyond social media and it is time lawmakers take action to protect consumers. A great next step is taking a very close look at Amazon.”

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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>.