



Attorney General Doug Peterson

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Attorney General Peterson Joins 50 Attorneys General in Multistate Bipartisan Antitrust Investigation

This week, Attorney General Doug Peterson announced that Nebraska is joining 50 attorneys general in a multistate, bipartisan investigation of tech giant Google's business practices in accordance with state and federal antitrust laws.

The bipartisan coalition announced plans to investigate Google's overarching control of online advertising markets and search traffic that may have led to anticompetitive behavior that harms consumers. Legal experts from each state will work in cooperation with federal authorities to assess competitive conditions for online services and ensure that Americans have access to free digital markets.

"When 50 attorneys general come together, 50 attorneys general send a strong message," stated Attorney General Peterson. "I look forward to working with my fellow AGs and cooperating with the U.S. Department of Justice and others on this significant issue."

Past investigations of Google uncovered violations ranging from advertising illegal drugs in the United States to now three antitrust actions brought by the European Commission. None of these previous investigations, however, fully address the source of Google's sustained market power and the ability to engage in serial and repeated business practices with the intention to protect and maintain that power.

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