

Even Hollywood urges Congress to bring Google to testify

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A growing number of Hollywood professionals are urging Congress to bring Google executives in to testify in a move similar to when Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was compelled to testify after his company's data scandal.

Last month, the groups CreativeFuture and the Independent Film and Television Alliance (IFTA) [sent letters](#) to the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Energy and Commerce Committee urging them to bring the internet search giant to Capitol Hill. The original letters had 90 signatures on them, and the groups resent the letters Sunday after that number grew to 154.

The industry believes that platform companies like Google and Facebook don't take enough responsibility over what happens on their services, enabling widespread illicit activity, including online piracy.

Ruth Vitale, the CEO of CreativeFuture, says that Congress should step in to make the platforms legally liable for illegal content found on their sites.

"Hundreds of millions of dollars are being lost to piracy because the platforms aren't being held responsible," Vitale told The Hill.

Websites have broad legal immunity from content posted by third-party users, and some tech critics say that framework gives internet giants