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Okay. That was quick. I'm done with Biden. Renata Hesse is total nightmare for workers. Her previous stint in DOJ had her tightening restrictions on songwriters while letting big tech off the hook. She is a pawn of Silicon Valley. Be very very afraid.

The Prospect and The Intercept have learned that Renata Hesse, a former Obama Justice Department official who then went on to work for Google and Amazon, is a leading contender to head up the DoJ Antitrust Division.

— David Dayen (@ddayen) January 15, 2021

Former Google attorney Renata Hesse when working at DOJ antitrust tried to change the details of the BMI and ASCAP consent decrees that would have made a \$1 Billion lawsuit against Google go away. This is horrendously corrupt. This is a terrible terrible start for Biden.

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<https://t.co/hkc1B31cR7>

<https://t.co/J5f3C90qsh>

<https://t.co/dTyx0pzD02>

<https://t.co/iEO8h4BVE3>

<https://t.co/Bd5zWZOso9>

<https://t.co/0HX0gO6NRK>

If you only read one of these links. Read this. This is abject corruption. When faced with ex post facto constitutional obstacles (making past actions illegal) Hesse's division claimed her new rule wasn't new, but had always existed.

<https://t.co/8gbO0EPPxP>

We proposed Hesse investigate actual anticompetitive actions in music tech and she did nothing. She is a tool of Google.
<https://t.co/E5y0cU3LSr>

Disgusting this person is gonna be in charge of antitrust. <https://t.co/QTGhzjBMDr>

Hesse's rule would have only benefitted a handful of big tech companies but would have devastated small business owners,

<https://t.co/VhCYacjQor>

This blog because it shows how expensive Hesse's proposed rule change would have been for individual songwriters.

<https://t.co/9zE9SMtzoF>

Songwriters had to sue the DOJ to stop. Even when proven totally wrong Hesse dug in to apparently protect Google.

<https://t.co/h7Gt0rQilm>

<https://t.co/Jpyvy8LW9v>

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