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## **Representative Cobb: Ruling in Epic v. Apple Case Underscores Need for Legislative Action**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – State Representative Regina Cobb today responded to the recent federal court ruling that Apple must allow other forms of payment of in-app consumer purchases. The “app tax” imposed by Big Tech companies has harmed small app developers through increased costs and resulted in higher prices and reduced choice for consumers who have had no way to avoid the anticompetitive fees.

**“While I appreciate the decision issued by Judge Gonzalez Rogers in the Epic Games v. Apple lawsuit, it highlights the need for more robust action from the legislature,”** said Representative Cobb. **“I [took steps](#) to regulate in-app purchases last session to create marketplace fairness for consumers and developers. The judge’s opinion highlighted the myriad of ways in which Google and Apple engage in anticompetitive practices and how their predatory conduct hurts Arizona entrepreneurs and developers. We have a responsibility to act, and while the judge’s decision was an important first step, there is still a lot of work to do to tackle Big Tech’s monopoly power over consumers and developers.”**

*Regina Cobb is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 5, which includes La Paz and Mohave Counties.*

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