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In mid-November, as his House colleagues on Capitol Hill were consumed with questions about Ukraine and impeachment, Senator Mark Warner took to CNBC's *Squawk Box* to discuss what he saw as one of the most important problems facing the country: Fitbit.

Or, more specifically, the danger of allowing Google to swallow up the personal fitness and health-monitoring gadget and its terabytes of consumer data. "The Fitbit deal needs a high, high level of scrutiny," the Democratic senator from Virginia told anchor Andrew Ross Sorkin. "Large platform companies have not had a very good record of protecting the data or being transparent with consumers. I can't totally blame them. If Congress doesn't set rules of the road, asking them to self-regulate is, frankly, just not a viable option."

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