Back in September, the Senate Judiciary Committee's Antitrust Subcommittee held a hearing on "The Power of Google: Serving Consumers or Threatening Competition?" Given the harsh questioning from the Subcommittee's Chairman Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Ranking Member Mike Lee (R-UT), no one should have been surprised by the letter they sent yesterday to the Federal Trade Commission asking for a "thorough investigation" of the company. At least this time the danger is somewhat limited: by calling for the FTC to investigate Google, the senators are thus urging the agency to do . . . exactly what it's already doing.

Read the full piece here.