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G'morning. Thought this was worth passing along – feedback from a construction company owner in Colorado who's unhappy with the Chamber's position on this.....

From: Eric Beavers [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 8:22 PM
To: Kaplan, Peter P. <pkaplan@ftc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Chamber's take on the FTC Ban of Noncompetes

Hello Mr. Kaplan,

I meant to copy you on this email that I sent to my Chamber of Commerce representatives but I got ahead of myself and sent it too quickly.

The COC's take on this show's their ineptitude of understanding the Anti-Trust laws and the FTC Act.

I wish the FTC luck in getting this through and want to express my support on this issue.

Thank you

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Cc: Nicole Hertzberg [REDACTED], Announcement [REDACTED]

Hello Ms. Schindler and Ms. Love,

I've been a longtime supporter of the Chamber - both locally and nationally. However, in light of the Chamber's stance on the proposed FTC Non-Compete Ban, it is clear that Great Western and the COC's core principles are no longer in alignment. An organization, person, government, etc. cannot be pro-business while at the same time be anti-employee, these things are simply incompatible.

Effective immediately, Great Western is terminating its membership/accreditation/relationship or whatever it is that we have with Chamber of Commerce. I cannot, in good conscience, pay dues to an organization that advocates for oppressive employment practices designed only to limit business competition and reduce wages and mobility.

It should be well known to the Chamber that there are much better avenues to protect trade secrets (if such things even exist) and other confidential information than the use of such broad restrictions on employee rights. This is embarrassing for crying out loud.

<https://www.uschamber.com/finance/antitrust/the-ftcs-noncompete-rulemaking-is-blatantly-unlawful>

<https://www.uschamber.com/regulations/the-chamber-of-commerce-will-fight-the-ftc>

<https://www.uschamber.com/finance/antitrust/coalition-letter-requesting-extension-on-ftc-non-compete-clause-rule>

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