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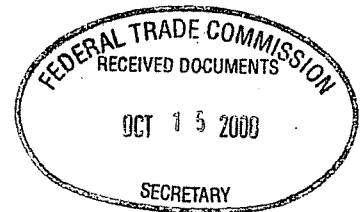
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Donald S. Clark  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room H-135  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580



Re: Proposed Consent Order  
In the Matter of Reed Elsevier and ChoicePoint, FTC File No. 081-0133

Dear Mr. Clark:

I'm writing you regarding the proposed consent order and acquisition of ChoicePoint by Reed Elsevier. I am an independent private investigator who provides critical services to government agencies, attorneys, state and US courts and private citizens in need. We in this industry rely extensively on services provided by both Reed Elsevier and ChoicePoint and their subsidiaries to assist us in serving these clients.

Over the past several years there has been tremendous consolidation among providers of public records services. This proposed acquisition will further reduce competition in the industry. Although there are several providers of data services in the marketplace, they are resellers of data provided by the respondents.

I am not a large corporation which has a lot of financial resources. Therefore, I must seek the right information from the right source for the best price. This acquisition would be

anti-competitive and a violation of antitrust law in the market for the sale of public records information to law enforcement agencies. The same effects would be felt in the market for sale of public records to the private sector.

It is important to have access to data from several suppliers during the conduct of an investigation. Limited resources reduce both the quality and quantity of information available. Many of us in the industry are small businesses, do not have the financial weight to bargain effectively with large entities in a non-competitive environment.

We urge that the Commission not approve the acquisition until respondents can divest themselves of public records services provided to private industry as well as to law enforcement.

Unless an appropriate remedy is offered, my clients will suffer irreparable harm. When competition is reduced, incentives for innovation are reduced, prices rise and service suffers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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