



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Director  
Bureau of Competition

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Michael Schwab  
Executive Vice President  
North Dakota Pharmacists Association  
1641 Capitol Way  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: North Dakota Pharmacists Association, File No. 051-0200

Dear Mr. Schwab:

The Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission has conducted a non-public investigation of whether North Dakota Pharmacists Association (NDPhA) or its members have engaged in an effort to restrain trade in the provision of pharmaceutical services by collectively negotiating the prices and terms of contracts or by facilitating collusion among its members in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no further action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission, 49 Fed. Reg. 6171 (1984), the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Feinstein".

Richard A. Feinstein  
Director