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Department of Justice
Antitrust Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20530

Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580

Re: Publication of FTC-DOJ Draft Vertical Merger Guidelines for Public Comment

Matter Number P810034

Via Online Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of our more than 500,000 members and supporters, Public Citizen joined with seven other public interest groups to in submitting comments on the Draft Vertical Merger Guidelines and we strongly support that submission. We write separately to indicate that Alex Harman, Competition Policy Advocate for Public Citizen, would welcome the opportunity to participate as a speaker at the workshops scheduled for March 11 and March 18, 2020.

Public Citizen is a nonprofit research, litigation, and advocacy organization that represents the public interest before Congress, the executive branch, and the courts. It has worked for decades to protect consumers from predatory corporate behavior and to resist anticompetitive practices that injure consumers, cheat workers and stifle our economy. It fights for openness and democratic accountability in government; for social and economic justice in globalization and trade policies; for clean, safe and sustainable energy; for strong health, safety and environmental protections; for safe, effective and affordable medicines and health care; and for the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts.

Sincerely,

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