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Dear Commissioners:

I believe that antitrust and privacy issues are extremely important. I also believe that economics provides a very useful lens through which to develop better policies in both of these areas. I note some possible articles below that could inform your deliberations in these areas.

Regarding antitrust, I suggest you consider the following two books that I edited:

- *Antitrust Policy and Vertical Restraints*, AEI-Brookings Joint Center, Washington, D.C., 2006.
- *High-Stakes Antitrust: The Last Hurrah?*, AEI-Brookings Joint Center, Washington, D.C., 2003

Regarding regulation of high-tech firms, I suggest the following article:

- “Clash of the Titans: How the Largest Commercial Web Sites Got That Way,” with Hal Singer, *Milken Institute Review*, 2013, 38-46.

Regarding equitable rules for the Internet, I suggest the following three pieces:

- “Congress must establish clear, equitable internet rules — now,” Brookings/*The Hill*, April, 2018. <https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/congress-must-establish-clear-equitable-internet-rules-now/>
- “Addressing the Next Wave of Internet Regulation: Toward a Workable Principle for Nondiscrimination,” with Robert Litan and Hal Singer, *Regulation and Governance*, 2010, 4, 365-382.
- “The Myth of Net Neutrality and the Threat to Internet Innovation,” with Robert Litan, *Milken Institute Review*, First Quarter (2007): 28-35

On intellectual property, please see this edited book:

- *Intellectual Property Rights in Frontier Industries: Software and Biotechnology*, editor, AEI-Brookings Joint Center, Washington, D.C., 2005.

On privacy, please see this article:

- “The Benefits and Costs of Online Privacy Legislation,” with Anne Layne-Farrar, *Administrative Law Review* 54, no. 1 (Winter 2002): 85-171.

I would be happy to elaborate on these issues further with the aim of improving public policy.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Best,

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P.S. Please find attached a biography with my background.

### **Robert Hahn**

Robert Hahn is a renowned scholar on the economic impacts of regulation. He is a visiting professor and former director of economics at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, Oxford University, and a senior fellow at the Georgetown University Center for Business and Public Policy. He also is co-founder of The Behavioralist and Signol, two companies that use behavioral economics and evidence-based policy making to promote the social good. Bob has served on the faculties of Harvard and Carnegie Mellon, and has also had senior appointments at AEI and Brookings. Bob co-founded and directed the AEI-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies, a leader in policy research in law and economics, regulation, and antitrust. Previously, he worked for the U.S. President's Council of Economic Advisers and was the chief economist on the White House drafting team for the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. His responsibilities included helping to design the innovative cap-and-trade system for limiting smokestack sulfur emissions.

Bob is currently conducting several economics experiments aimed at improving productivity, and promoting growth and sustainability. He also continues to do research on government regulation, competition policy, energy policy, Internet policy, environmental policy, and understanding the benefits of breakthrough innovations. He served as a commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking and is currently working with key decision makers on ways to promote evidence-based policy.