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Dear Dr. Gerardi,

Thank you for your March 24, 2015 letter concerning the February 2015 Examining Health Care Competition workshop, conducted jointly by the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division.

Achieving balance and diversity of viewpoints was and remains a high priority for the workshop planning team, comprising staff from both the FTC and the Antitrust Division. As the workshop agenda demonstrates, panelists represented a broad range of perspectives, including providers.

The February workshop was but one step in engaging stakeholders in an ongoing discussion of competition in the health care industry. The FTC and the Antitrust Division remain committed to receiving substantive input from the full range of stakeholders. We have solicited public comments on the issues covered in the workshop, and the comment period remains open until April 30.

We appreciate the substantive points raised in your letter. If you would like us to treat your letter as a public comment, we will include your correspondence in the record of proceedings. Please contact FTC attorney Patricia Schultheiss at pschultheiss@ftc.gov to confirm. Additionally, if you, the American College of Emergency Physicians, or other ACEP members wish to supplement the record or respond to statements made during the workshop, we encourage the submission of public comments on any of the workshop topics.

Sincerely,

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Marina Lao
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Federal Trade Commission



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