

## Request for Public Comment Regarding Reducing Anti-Competitive Regulatory Barriers

Pursuant to the President’s Executive Order 14267 regarding Reducing Anti-competitive Regulatory Barriers (April 9, 2025), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) invites public comment on how federal regulations can harm competition in the American economy.

Appropriately tailored economic regulations can play an important role in ensuring that markets function efficiently. Often, however, regulations become unnecessarily onerous. Rather than serving the American people, such regulations can operate to exclude new market entrants, protect dominant incumbents, and predetermine economic winners and losers. Regulations that have the effect of reducing competition, entrepreneurship, and innovation—and thereby holding back the American economy—should generally be eliminated or modified.

FTC staff encourages members of the public—including consumers, workers, businesses, start-ups, potential market entrants, investors, and academics—to comment on any issues or concerns that are relevant to the FTC’s consideration of this objective. FTC staff invites written responses to the following requests:

1. What particular federal regulations have an anti-competitive effect to
  - a. create, or facilitate the creation of, de facto or de jure monopolies;
  - b. create unnecessary barriers to entry for new market participants;
  - c. limit competition between competing entities or have the effect of limiting competition between competing entities;
  - d. create or facilitate licensure or accreditation requirements that unduly limit competition;
  - e. unnecessarily burden the agency’s procurement processes, thereby limiting companies’ ability to compete for procurements; or
  - f. otherwise impose anti-competitive restraints or distortions on the operation of the free market.
  
2. For particular federal regulations falling into categories 1. a. – f., please provide, where possible, the following:
  - a. the name, citation, effective date, current status, and any other information that identifies the particular regulation;
  - b. the specific language, or other provisions, contained in the regulation and any regulatory guidance that is relevant to an anti-competitive effect in categories 1. a – f.;
  - c. any currently applicable legal authority adjudicating, interpreting, applying, enforcing, or reviewing the regulation that is relevant to an anti-competitive effect in categories 1. a. – f.;

- d. an explanation of how and in what circumstances the regulation operates, or may potentially operate, in regard to an anti-competitive effect in categories 1. a. – f., including the relevant products or services and geographic areas at issue, entities affected, and the nature, size, scope, and duration of any anti-competitive effect;
- e. an explanation of why the regulation should be eliminated or modified, including any possible modifications to achieve the intended objectives while mitigating the anti-competitive effect in categories 1. a. – f.; and
- f. an explanation of whether the regulation satisfies the definition of “significant regulatory action” in Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993 (Regulatory Planning and Review), as amended.

Comments must be received no later than **May 27, 2025, 2025 by 11:59pm ET.**

**Instructions for submitting:**

1. Go to the docket on regulations.gov
2. Click “Browse Documents”
3. Underneath the document containing the RFI questions, click comment (the blue button)
4. Fill out the form which requires:
  - 4.1. The comment text itself
  - 4.2. The comment category
5. You can submit as: an individual, an organization, or anonymous
  - 5.1. Optional: Attachments to aid your response. You can attach up to 20 files, but each file cannot exceed 10MB. Valid file types include: bmp, docx, gif, jpg, jpeg, pdf, png, pptx, rtf, sgml, tif, tiff, txt, wpd, xlsx, xml.

Please DO NOT include sensitive or confidential information in the comments including:

- social security numbers;
- dates of birth;
- driver’s license numbers or other state identification numbers;
- financial account information;
- sensitive health information; or
- competitively sensitive information.

Comments will be posted on the Internet and made available to the public (subject to exceptions

such as for personal privacy information). Comments submitted in response to this RFI could inform the FTC's future actions.

Comments submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice Anticompetitive Regulations Task Force ("DOJ Task Force") at Regulations.gov (Docket No. ATR-2025-0001), that contain information falling within the scope of this RFI may also be submitted to this RFI pursuant to these instructions. Comments submitted to the DOJ Task Force via Regulations.gov do not need to be resubmitted in response to this Request for Information, however, because both Agencies will coordinate their review of the comments to complete the work required by the Executive Order.