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### VIA EMAIL: FOIA@FTC.GOV

Freedom of Information Act Request Office of General Counsel Federal Trade Commission Washington, DC 20580

#### **RE:** Freedom of Information Act Request; Expedited Treatment Requested

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and 16 C.F.R. § 4.11, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America ("Chamber") hereby requests the following information:

All records related to the President's Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy dated July 9, 2021, *available at* https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidentialactions/2021/07/09/executive-order-on-promoting-competition-in-the-american-economy/. This request includes, but is not limited to, communications between the FTC and the White House; communications between the FTC and third-party groups, including the Open Markets Institute, Center for Equitable Growth, and the Center on Privacy & Technology at Georgetown Law; communications between the FTC and members of the Biden transition team; and press statements or drafts of press statements. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is November 23, 2020 (the start of the presidential transition period) to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to former Acting Chairwoman Rebecca Kelly Slaughter's announcement of a new rulemaking group within the FTC's Office of the General Counsel. This request includes, but is not limited to, any analysis, including legal analysis, performed or received by the FTC related to the rulemaking group; communications between the FTC and the White House; communications between the FTC and members of the Biden transition team; press statements or drafts of press statements regarding the rulemaking group; the membership of the group; and any policies or procedures governing the group's activities. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is November 23, 2020 (the start of the presidential transition period) to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to any policies the FTC has discussed or considered regarding consumer or data privacy as ordered by the President's Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy dated July 9, 2021, *available at* <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/07/09/executive-order-on-promoting-competition-in-the-american-economy/</u>. This request includes, but is not limited to, any analysis performed or received by the FTC related to potential policy changes; communications between the FTC and the White House; and communications between the FTC and members of the Biden transition team. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is November 23, 2020 (the start of the presidential transition period) to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to the FTC's recent resolutions directing agency staff to use "compulsory process" with regard to certain enforcement priorities, including the "Resolution Directing Use of Compulsory Process Regarding Consummated Merger and Acquisition Investigations"; the "Resolution Directing Use of Compulsory Process Regarding Acts or Practices Related to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency"; the "Resolution Directing Use of Compulsory Process Regarding Acts or Practices Regarding Acts or Practices Affecting Healthcare Markets"; the "Resolution Directing Use of Compulsory Process Regarding Acts or Practices Affecting Labor or Small Business Operators"; and the "Resolution Directing Use of Compulsory Process Regarding Acts or Practices Related to Technology Acts." This request includes, but is not limited to, a list of other priorities that were considered or discussed and the reasons for choosing and rejecting certain enforcement priorities; communications between the FTC and the White House; and communications between the FTC and members of the Biden transition team. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is November 23, 2020 (the start of the presidential transition period) to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to the FTC's 1995 Policy Statement on Prior Approval and Prior Notice Provisions in Merger Cases (the "1995 Policy Statement") and the FTC's decision to rescind the 1995 Policy Statement. This request includes, but is not limited to, communications between the FTC and the Department of Justice (DOJ); communications between the FTC and the White House; communications between the FTC and members of the Biden transition team; press statements or drafts of press statements; and any analysis performed or received by the FTC regarding the 1995 Policy Statement or its rescission. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is November 23, 2020 (the start of the presidential transition period) to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to the FTC's rescission of the 2015 Section 5 antitrust policy statement. This request includes, but is not limited to, communications between the FTC and the Department of Justice (DOJ); communications between the FTC and the White House; communications between the FTC and members of the Biden transition team; press statements or drafts of press statements; any alternative policy statements under consideration and discussion; and any analysis performed or received by the FTC regarding the effects of the antitrust policy statement. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is November 23, 2020 (the start of the presidential transition period) to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to congressional testimony given by Chair Lina M. Khan and Commissioners Rohit Chopra and Rebecca Kelly Slaughter before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce on July 28, 2021. This request includes communications between the FTC and the White House. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is January 20, 2021 to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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All records related to artificial intelligence or AI. This request includes, but is not limited to, communications with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and/or the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The timeframe for the Chamber's request is January 20, 2021 to the present. The term "records" as used in this request includes emails, handwritten or typed notes, phone calls, meeting minutes, meeting agendas, calendar entries, electronic chats, instant messages, encrypted or self-destructing messages, messages sent via Facebook messenger, text messages, voice messages, and other hard copy documents.

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many of whom are members of the Chamber. The disclosure of these documents will allow the Chamber, its members, and the public to better understand the FTC's recent and future activities and the potential impact of these actions. If this request for a fee waiver is denied, the Chamber is willing to pay fees up to \$2,500.

The Chamber also requests expedited treatment of this request because the Chamber's mission involves disseminating information—to both its membership and the public—regarding economic issues in the United States, especially as they relate to the Federal Government. The FTC's actions impact the Chamber's members and other members of the public. *See* 16 C.F.R. § 4.11(a)(1)(G). The Chamber must be able to provide information regarding the FTC's activities to its members given their significant impact—so its members may comply with new regulations and policies, so they may protect their rights, and so they may order their own affairs. The impact of these actions is far-reaching, requiring the urgent release of documents and information related thereto in order to understand the FTC's activities and their potential impact on the Chamber's members.

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