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Dissenting Statement of Commissioner Andrew N. Ferguson Regarding the Withdrawal of the Antitrust Guidelines for Collaborations Among Competitors Matter Number V250000

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I dissent from the Commission's withdrawal of these antitrust guidelines a mere 40 days before the country inaugurates a new President. The Commission should from time-to-time revisit its nonbinding guidance to ensure that it properly informs the public of the Commission's enforcement position, promoting transparency and predictability. But the time for the Biden-Harris Commission to conduct such guidance review is over. Last month, the American people elected a new President. Now is the time to facilitate an orderly transition, not to withdraw existing guidance or to push through revised or new guidance.

I respectfully dissent.