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**Dissenting Statement of Commissioner Andrew N. Ferguson  
Regarding the January 16, 2025 Closed Commission Meeting**

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From my office, I see scaffolding on the west front of the Capitol. I see large American flags hung below the Dome on the West Portico. I see security fences lining Washington's wide boulevards. The inauguration of President Trump has arrived, and not a moment too soon.

Yet the outgoing Biden-Harris Administration, evicted from Washington by the American people after a resounding electoral defeat more than two months ago, continues to ram its unpopular agenda through in its final hours—the same agenda the American people rejected at the ballot box. Today, the Commission held a closed-door meeting and approved various enforcement matters, including matters that have not had the benefit of the careful deliberation that Congress intended when it tasked the enforcement of the FTC Act to a five-member body with no more than three members of the same political party. At least one of the matters on which my Democrat colleagues voted was presented for our consideration less than one week before the vote took place. And as Commissioner Holyoak helpfully explains, today's meeting was merely the culmination of a two-week blitz of barely considered rules, guidance, studies, and enforcement matters forced through by the Democrats.<sup>1</sup>

The Democrat Commissioners' frantic efforts to beat the clock are a direct affront to democracy. These final hours should be reserved for facilitating the orderly transition of power for which the American people just voted. I refuse to legitimize the Democrats' callous disrespect for the American voter and disregard for the Commission's deliberative process. I therefore dissented from holding this meeting at all and refused to participate in their faux deliberations of these matters.

But sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Given the zeal with which my Democrat colleagues have rammed through their agenda in the final hours of the Biden-Harris Administration, none of them should be surprised or outraged when the incoming majority implements President Trump's vision with equal vigor.

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<sup>1</sup> See MH Statement at 2 (“Since January 1, 2025, the Commission has voted on more than *thirty* matters, including seven proposed settlements, five federal court or administrative complaints, three notices or advanced notices of proposed rulemaking, one final rule, eight final administrative consent orders, three reports for ongoing 6(b) studies, two enforcement policy or guidance statements, one potential 6(b) study, and several administrative matters.”).