

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Federal Trade Commission WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Statement Regarding Request for Public Comment Re: Mergers and Acquisitions January 31, 2025

The following Request for Public Comment Regarding Mergers and Acquisitions was issued by the Commission on January 17, 2025 with a public docket for comments opened at https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FTC-2025-0009. However, the document was subsequently withdrawn by Chair Ferguson on January 22, 2025, and the docket was rendered closed for further comments.

To ensure these important lines of inquiry remain available to the public, I am making available the document in its original form as an attachment below.

Request for Public Comments Regarding Mergers and Acquisitions

Analysts predict that 2025 will see a surge of corporate mergers and acquisitions. The antitrust laws prohibit mergers that may substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly.

The FTC now invites public comments on the following questions:

- 1. Are there markets or sectors where federal and state antitrust enforcers should be especially attentive in their review of potentially unlawful mergers or acquisitions?
- 2. Are there particular areas where mergers or acquisitions may undermine competition and harm the public?

Comments must be received no later than Thursday, April 17, 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 of persons other than the submitter). Comments submitted in response to this RFI could inform the Agencies' enforcement priorities and future actions.