Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Edith Ramirez
Chairwoman
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Chairwoman Ramirez:

We are writing to express our concerns about the pending Federal Trade Commission (FTC) agenda in light of the recent election and upcoming transition.

Although the leadership of the FTC will soon change, congressional oversight of the Commission will continue. Therefore, any action taken by the FTC before the designation of a new chairman will receive enhanced scrutiny. While we expect and encourage the FTC to continue its routine merger reviews and consumer protection enforcement in support of competition and on behalf of American consumers, we strongly encourage the Commission to avoid focusing its attention and resources in the coming months on complex, partisan, or otherwise controversial items that the new Congress and new Administration will have an interest in reviewing.

Sincerely,

JOHN THUNE
Chairman
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U.S. Senate

FRED UPTON
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U.S. House of Representatives

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