



September 20, 2022

Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Minority Leader McConnell,

On behalf of over 2.3 million members of the Association of Mature American Citizens – AMAC, and 8 million Free2Care advocates, we write to urge you to recommend a strong nominee for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that will work with their fellow commissioners to rein in bad actors in the business community to protect Americans.

Americans are concerned by the anti-competitive business practices used by some industries and have been supportive of some of the actions taken by Chairwoman Lina Khan and the commission to investigate these practices. Two examples are the FTC investigations into Pharmacy Benefit Managers and social media companies manipulating algorithms to target users including young users like AMAC members' children and grandchildren.

It is very important for the FTC to have five members to ensure a balanced approach to its investigations and your input on the current vacancy will help determine the direction the FTC takes in its current and future investigations. We have seen many claims from other conservatives saying Chairwoman Khan is "out-of-control" and attacking the free market. Any pick for the FTC should support the free market but should also be interested in stopping businesses from engaging in anti-competitive business behavior that puts the free market at risk.

We believe any recommended nominee for the FTC should be willing to work with Chairwoman Khan and their fellow commissioners to address important issues and be willing to stop unnecessary investigations and penalties from being placed on American businesses that are competing fairly in the free market. AMAC and Free2Care fully support the current investigation into Pharmacy Benefit Managers and their use of anti-competitive businesses practices that impact the price of outpatient prescription drugs. A future FTC commissioner should embrace these necessary investigations.

As organizations recognizing the prosperity and innovation that can result from the free market allowing open and fair competition, we want the FTC to be hands-off when the free market is working. However, the FTC must also serve as a backstop when the free market fails, often because of government intervention allowing unfair business practices. Thank you for working with the administration to ensure a qualified nominee is chosen for this important position and we urge all Senators to quickly approve their nomination.

Sincerely,



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President
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David Balat
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