

NetChoice

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Federal Trade Commission

Premier Notification Office, Bureau of Competition
400 7th Street SW, Room CC-5301, Washington, DC 20024

Re: FTC Docket 88 FR 42178, Invitation to Comment on 16 CFR Parts
801-803—Hart-Scott-Rodino Coverage, Exemption, and Transmittal Rules, Project No.
P239300.

Dear Mr. Jones,

We are writing to request that the FTC provide a 30-day extension to the Invitation to Comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking on 16 CFR Parts 801-803—Hart-Scott-Rodino Coverage, Exemption, and Transmittal Rules, Project No. P239300, FTC Docket 88 FR 42178, published in the Federal Register on June 29, 2023.

Comments are currently due to the Regulatory Secretariat Division by August 28, 2023.

Due to the complexity of the issues raised in the Invitation to Comment, NetChoice would value additional time for the opportunity to file comments on the proposed rulemaking raised by the FTC.

NetChoice is a trade association that works to make the internet safe for free enterprise and free expression. Among other things, the FTC's NPRM proposes to require companies to provide additional information for mergers or acquisitions above a certain threshold. These proposed regulatory changes will have adverse effects, including increasing compliance costs, chilling of merger activity, undermining the rule of law, and stunting economic growth. An exploration of these risks is essential, and all potentially affected companies should have an opportunity to comment on this NPRM.

We believe that a thirty (30) day extension would be in the public interest given the many topics considered in the Invitation to Comment for this NPRM.

Thank you for considering our request for an extension of this deadline. We would be happy to discuss these concerns with you in more detail; should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Chris Marchese, NetChoice Litigation Center Director, at cmarchese@netchoice.org.

Sincerely,

NetChoice