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**VIA EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
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United States Senate  
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The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Mike Lee  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Competition Policy,  
Antitrust, and Consumer Rights  
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
Ranking Member  
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Antitrust, and Consumer Rights  
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Washington, DC 20510

***Re: Nomination of Abigail Slater as Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division***

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin, Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

The undersigned are former Assistant Attorneys General of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice ("Antitrust Division"). We write today in strong support of the nomination of Abigail ("Gail") Slater for the same position. Ms. Slater has the experience, intelligence, judgment, and leadership skills necessary to serve as an excellent Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division.

We support Ms. Slater because of her demonstrated abilities as a lawyer, her experience in antitrust enforcement, and her international expertise – an important perspective in today's global competition enforcement landscape. While the undersigned include individuals confirmed in both Democratic and Republican administrations, we are united in support of Ms. Slater's nomination to lead the Antitrust Division.

Ms. Slater is an outstanding antitrust lawyer and proven leader. She has handled a broad array of antitrust matters and has a lengthy resume of experience in public service and in private practice. Her work for individuals appointed in both Republican and Democratic administrations makes clear that she cares deeply about antitrust law enforcement and public service.

For almost a decade, Ms. Slater worked at the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), first as a staff attorney in the Bureau of Competition and then as an attorney advisor to FTC Commissioner Julie Brill, appointed by President Barack Obama in 2010. During her time at the

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FTC, Ms. Slater worked on a wide variety of merger and conduct matters. During President Donald Trump's first term, Ms. Slater served on the White House National Economic Council as a special assistant to the President for technology, telecommunications, and cybersecurity. Ms. Slater is widely credited with shaping policies on data privacy and deployment of 5G technologies across the United States. In that role, Ms. Slater also worked closely with the National Security Council to help ensure American technological competitiveness against China. Most recently, Ms. Slater served as an economic policy advisor to your former Senate colleague, now Vice President, JD Vance.

Ms. Slater's private sector experience is similarly impressive and provides an appreciation for how antitrust laws and parallel regulations impact American businesses and consumers. Ms. Slater began her legal career at global law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where she worked in the Brussels, London, and Washington, D.C. offices. Following her public service at the FTC, Ms. Slater worked as General Counsel for the Internet Association, and more recently as Senior Vice President of Policy & Strategy at Fox Corporation and then as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Roku. Throughout her career, Ms. Slater has remained involved in the professional legal bar, where she has served in the American Bar Association's Antitrust Section, including as a Co-Chair of the Privacy Legislation Taskforce. Ms. Slater has also authored numerous articles on antitrust, intellectual property, and data privacy. Ms. Slater's international and multi-disciplinary perspective will be invaluable to the Antitrust Division as it continues to confront a global and multi-faceted competition enforcement landscape.

Based on her experience and proven commitment to antitrust law enforcement, we strongly support the nomination of Ms. Slater to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Attorney General, 2021-2024

**William Baer**  
Assistant Attorney General, 2013-2017

**Thomas O. Barnett**  
Assistant Attorney General, 2005-2008

**Joel I. Klein**  
Assistant Attorney General, 1996-2000

**Charles F. ("Rick") Rule**  
Assistant Attorney General, 1986-1989

**Makan Delrahim**  
Assistant Attorney General, 2017-2021

**Christine A. Varney**  
Assistant Attorney General, 2009-2011

**R. Hewitt Pate**  
Assistant Attorney General, 2003-2005

**James F. Rill**  
Assistant Attorney General, 1989-1992

cc: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary