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Director Russell Vought
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Dear Director Vought:

We write to request the immediate release of the list of laws and rules deemed to be anticompetitive by the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), together with the accompanying report, regarding the President's Executive Order 14267 on Reducing Anti-Competitive Regulatory Barriers.

On April 9, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14267, which required agency heads, within 70 days, to submit to the FTC Chair and the DOJ Attorney General a list of rules and laws that may create anticompetitive barriers, along with recommendations as to whether each rule calls for rescission or modification, and a justification for any proposed action or lack of action.¹

The FTC and DOJ ultimately deemed more than 125 laws and rules anticompetitive, and Chairman Ferguson submitted a report including these regulations to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).² On September 16, 2025, Chairman Ferguson publicly highlighted four of these rules.³ Despite this clear acknowledgement, the OMB has failed to release the full list and report.

The Administrative Procedure Act requires federal agencies to provide the public with notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity to comment before promulgating new

¹ Proclamation No. 14267, 90 Fed. Reg. 15629 (Apr. 15, 2025).

² *Antitrust Division Contributes to Historic Efforts to Unleash Prosperity Through Deregulation*, U.S. DEP'T OF JUST. (Sep. 17, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/antitrust-division-contributes-historic-efforts-unleash-prosperity-through-deregulation>.

³ Letter from Chairman Andrew N. Ferguson, Fed. Trade Comm'n to Director Vought, Office of Mgmt. & Budget (Sep. 16, 2025) (on file with the Federal Trade Comm'n).

regulations.⁴ While the FTC and DOJ have invited public comment,⁵ restricting access to the laws and rules at issue deprives stakeholders of the opportunity for informed participation.

Failure to disclose undermines transparency and trust in the rulemaking process and subverts the Administrative Procedure Act's requirement of public comment. Withholding such information stands in direct contradiction with the President's assurance that "[t]he American people, more than any Federal official, know which regulations stifle entrepreneurship and economic growth."⁶

It is therefore critical to the Committee's interests that the report be released promptly so it may properly fulfill its duties to the American people, maintaining fair and competitive markets and ensuring the appropriate administration of justice in administrative bodies. These responsibilities fall directly within the Committee's delegated jurisdiction over antitrust and administrative law pursuant to Rule X.⁷

Thank you for your assistance in the matter.

Sincerely,



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⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 553(b)-(c).

⁵ *Request for Public Comment Regarding Reducing Anti-Competitive Regulatory Barriers*, FED. TRADE COMM'N (Apr. 13, 2025), <https://www.ftc.gov/policy/public-comments/request-public-comment-regarding-reducing-anti-competitive-regulatory-barriers>.

⁶ *Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Tackles Regulations That Stifle Competition*, THE WHITE HOUSE (Apr. 9, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-tackles-regulations-that-stifle-competition/>.

⁷ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, cl. 1(1)(2),(16), 119 Cong. (2025).