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The Honorable Kenneth Buck
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial,
and Administrative Law
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write in support of Senate bill S. 1787 and House bill H.R. 3460 – identical bills both entitled the “State Antitrust Enforcement Venue Act of 2021” – which would harmonize the treatment of venue for antitrust cases filed by state attorneys general with those filed by federal agencies. Prohibiting the transfer of state antitrust actions into multi-district litigation would respect the states’ sovereignty and increase the efficiency and efficacy of state antitrust enforcement.

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The Honorable Jim Jordan
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Dear Representative Jordan:

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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Chairwoman
Committee on the Judiciary
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United States Senate
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Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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