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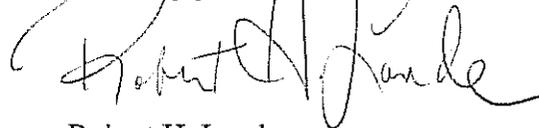
Andrew J. Heimert,
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1120 G. St., N. W., Suite 800
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Dear Mr. Heimert:

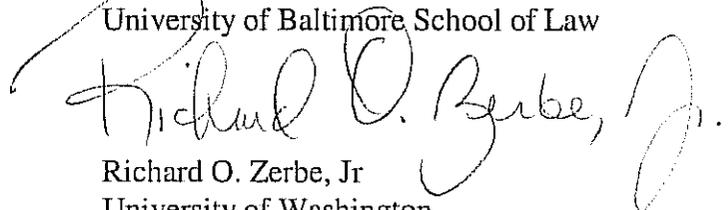
We are writing to urge the Antitrust Modernization Commission to re-examine the labor exemption to the antitrust laws and to consider recommending legislative changes in this area. As you will see, the attached articles argue that consumers and the economy as a whole would benefit if labor unions were treated identically to corporations under the antitrust laws - i.e., if labor unions were subject to the antitrust laws in the same manner as corporations. For example, under the antitrust laws most corporate mergers are permitted, but a few are blocked because they are likely to be anticompetitive. The Duke Law Review article argues that mergers of labor unions also should be examined with an antitrust focus. Like corporate mergers, the overwhelming majority of union mergers are in the public interest or are innocuous. But a few might be anticompetitive, and these should be evaluated under an antitrust approach and possibly should be blocked.

If you would like to discuss this topic on a formal or informal basis please let us know.

Sincerely yours,



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REDUCING UNIONS' MONOPOLY POWER:
COSTS AND BENEFITS

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