

Joint FTC/DOJ letterhead

Dear ____:

In the course of the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement negotiations, both Governments expressed the desire to strengthen bilateral cooperation on antitrust and competition-related matters. In that context, the U.S. Department of Justice and the US Federal Trade Commission, on behalf of the United States, with the participation of other U.S. Government agencies, affirm their interest in pursuing discussions with Australia with a view to strengthening cooperation and enforcement assistance concerning antitrust and competition matters, including reviewing and updating as appropriate relevant cooperative arrangements and developing appropriate procedures for consideration of requests to initiate or expand enforcement activities. Such discussions can begin at the earliest mutually convenient date.

Sincerely,

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