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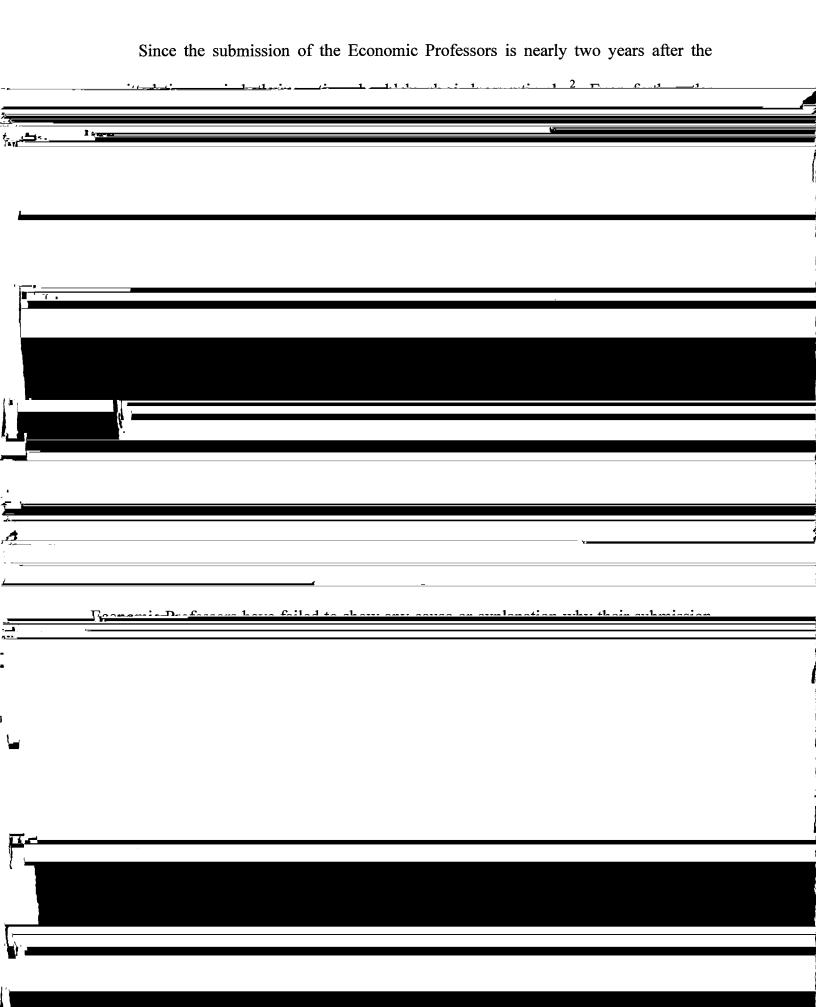
trial for Complaint Counsel. Finally, the Economic Professors' brief merely advances views that have previously been offered by the MCOs and Complaint Counsel. The issue

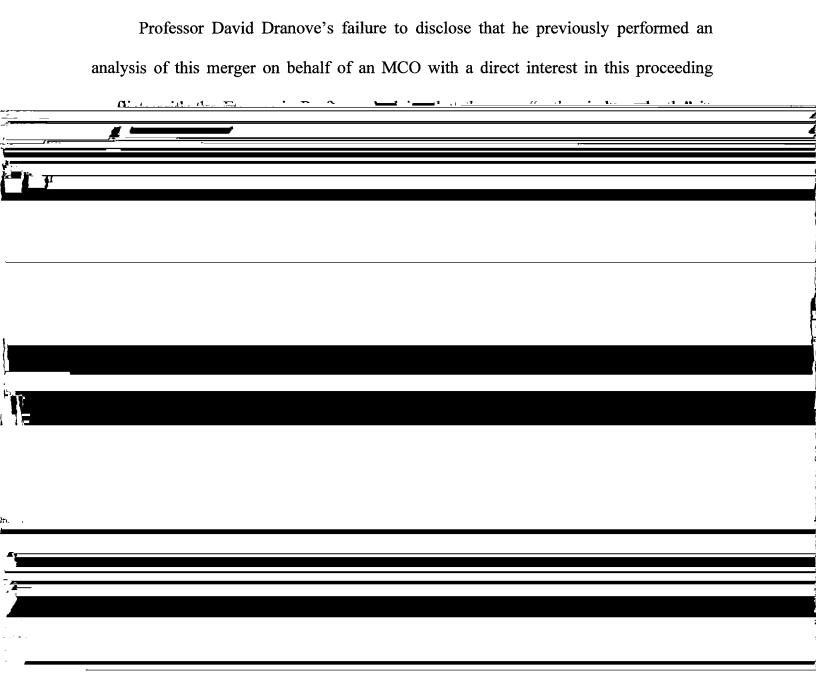
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	been decided by the	e Commission. The public interest will therefore not be served by	
	considering the persp	pectives enunciated in the Economic Professors' brief.	
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submitting their *amicus* brief. At a minimum, the Dranove report demonstrates that the Economic Professors were well aware of this merger in 2004 and further highlights their failure to provide justification for the delinquency of their submission.

III. The Public Interest Will Not Benefit From Consideration Of The Economic Professors' Amicus Brief

The Economic Professors' submission will not benefit the public interest because it contains views already advanced by parties to this litigation and does not contain reliable information to support its conclusions. The Economic Professors' *amicus* brief

Conclusion

The Economic Professors' Motion for Leave to file an *amicus* brief is untimely and improper because it fails to disclose the true interest of the Economic Professors. For these reasons, the submission of the Economic Professors will not and does not benefit the public interest and should therefore be denied.

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Respectfully submitted,

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