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Dissenting Remarks of Commissioner Noah Joshua Phillips
Regarding the Commission's Issuance of Seven Omnibus Resolutions

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The seven resolutions on the table will reduce Commission oversight and accountability of our biggest—and most expensive—investigations, for example breaking up companies across the economy that consummated mergers years ago. These kinds of things deserve serious consideration.

Under the current process, staff working on an antitrust investigation need Commission resolution before they may issue compulsory requests for documents, information, or testimony. Congress gave the Commission, not a single commissioner or staff, the authority to bless compulsory process in its investigations. It envisioned an informed and deliberated decision by all commissioners before unleashing

