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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 38344-45, 38389-94.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The comments are available and searchable by state at Regulations.gov, https://www.regulations.gov/document/FTC-2023-0007-0001/comment. <sup>6</sup> 89 Fed. Reg. at 38343, 38346.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 38346.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 38374-79.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The Commission assessed the numerous empirical studies that have been conducted on noncompetes and explained the weight it gave to each study. *See id.* at 38374-424; *see also id.* at 38372-74 (explaining the Commission's analytical framework for assessing the empirical evidence).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See id. at 38382-87.
<sup>12</sup> Id. at 38469-70, 38474, 38505-06 (App., Table A1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See id. at 38388-402.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See *id.* at 38433, 38485; FTC, Noncompete Rule, https://www.ftc.gov/p g//p g/ f 7w ())7.8 (7w y/)-212 -8 (t)19 ow R 7w ule15.