



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Federal Trade Commission

**Statement of Commissioner Alvaro M. Bedoya
Joined by Chair Lina M. Khan and Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter**

**Regarding the Proposed Merger Guidelines Issued by the
Federal Trade Commission & U.S. Department of Justice**

July 19, 2023

I. “There is almost nowhere else to work...”

compete

II. Antitrust law is supposed to protect workers like Ms. Payton.

See, e.g.
Affect Wages
See

Strong Employers and Weak Employees: How Does Employer Concentration
Employer Consolidation and Wages: Evidence from Hospitals,
supra

See

affirmatively

labor

III. The proposed guidelines will help protect competition for labor.
