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Position: Competition Policy Advocate
Public Citizen's Congress Watch division

Public Citizen is a national, non-partisan, public interest group with over 500,000 members and activists. The Congress Watch division conducts public education campaigns and advocates before the Congress and administrative agencies on money in politics, open government, corporate accountability, financial regulation, public health and safety, tax and budget, competition, and access to justice.

Corporate concentration and anti-competitive practices are increasing income inequality, undermining our democracy, stagnating the economy, depressing workers' bargaining power and enabling the looting of consumers. A long-term concerted campaign by large corporations and ideologically driven theorists has degraded antitrust and competition law and enforcement agencies, so that they are too narrowly focused, too timid and too indulgent of corporate claims about synergy and market efficiency. At a time when intense corporate concentration, severe wealth inequality, and the rise of Big Tech with its unique competitive challenges, the need for a far more robust antitrust enforcement and jurisprudence is clear. There is a growing sense among the public and policymakers that a new approach is needed, and Public Citizen aims to foster that new approach, and translate it into concrete policy.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION: The Competition Policy Advocate will coordinate Public Citizen's Congress Watch division's work on competition policy, including developing and implementing our campaign strategy; developing advocacy positions and specific proposals, lobbying in Congress and at competition agencies, developing technical and public education materials, and building and engaging with coalitions. The position calls for someone who can marry policy expertise with strategic campaign acumen, technical aptitude with public messaging, and reports directly to the Vice President of Legislative Affairs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Policy Development:** Take a lead role in developing Public Citizen proposals and positions on competition issues, mixing big-picture reforms and narrow fixes, and public and private enforcement. We are keen to identify new approaches that will unleash more activity and a broader frame of reference for competition policy.
- **Campaign Development:** Plan advocacy campaigns aimed at winning meaningful change in Congress and the executive agencies, and potentially in states.
- **Outreach and Coalition work:** Cultivate and coordinate networks directed at building more robust competition policy, both generally and in specific sectors.
- **Collaboration:** Work collaboratively within the Congress Watch team, as well as across the organization, including with the president, on policy, strategy and campaigns.
- **Lobbying:** Advocate against corporate concentration and for competition in Congress, administrative agencies, and select state legislatures. Analyze and track bills throughout the legislative process.



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- **Public Education:** Serve as an organizational spokesperson on competition policy. Translate antitrust talk into the language of democracy, equality, fair competition and consumer rights, so the non-expert public understands both what is at stake and available solutions.
- **Media:** Respond to media requests, and help develop media strategies in coordination with our communications team and the Congress Watch team. Author blogs, op-eds, editorial backgrounders, and assist with press releases and news advisories.
- **Research and write white papers, reports, fact sheets, letters, law review articles, legal and policy memorandum, testimony, and comments on proposed rules.**
- **Testify before Congress and administrative agencies.**
- **Organization building:** Assist in writing grant proposals and reports. Establish relationships with foundation officers and individual donors.
- **Other duties as necessary.**

QUALIFICATIONS: J.D., expertise in anti-trust and competition policy, and five to ten years of experience with legislative advocacy, litigation, or Congressional staff experience preferred. Outstanding analytical thinking, political judgment, and oral and written communication skills. Ability to learn new, often complex, material quickly and to execute planned strategy while responding to unexpected developments. Strong drives to self-start and self-finish. Collaborative spirit, high energy, leadership capacity, initiative, and enthusiasm, as well as a passion for public interest work, and a willingness to work long hours when necessary

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Competitive non-profit salary commensurate with experience. Good medical and dental coverage. Three weeks paid vacation for new employees. This is a grant contingent position.

TO APPLY: Send cover letter, resume, references, and writing sample to Lisa Gilbert at lgibert@citizen.org. Please include your last name and the position for which you are applying in the subject line of your email and in the filenames of attachments.