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Hawaii's Attorney General Testifies Before Antitrust Modernization Commission

(HONOLULU) Attorney General Mark Bennett testified today before the Antitrust Modernization Commission (AMC) in Washington, DC, as the representative of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG). Bennett is the Chair of NAAG's Antitrust Committee.

Congress established the AMC to study our nation's antitrust laws and to make recommendations as to proposed changes. AMC members are appointed by Congress and the President.

Today's hearing focused on whether a major anti-consumer decision of the United States Supreme Court (the 1978 Illinois Brick case) ought to be legislatively reversed.

Bennett testified that the decision should be legislatively reversed, and that the AMC should do nothing to impede the ability of states like Hawaii to protect consumers and businesses.

After the hearing, Bennett said, "On behalf of our nation's attorneys general, I delivered a strong message to the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Strengthen our nation's laws to protect consumers and businesses from illegal anti-competitive behavior, and do nothing to impede the ability of states to protect consumers and businesses from such behavior."

The AMC will conduct a series of hearings before making recommendations to Congress. Bennett may return to testify on different antitrust issues.

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