

ANTITRUST, TRADE REGULATION AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS SECTION



- Steering Committee:

Michael R. Lemov, Cochair
Paul A. Pumpian, Cochair
Jerry S. Cohen
Stephanie Forester
David Koplou
Stephen R. McSpadden
Constance Robinson

Committees:

Antitrust
Consumer Affairs

The District of Columbia Bar

July 24, 1989

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Antitrust, Trade Regulation and Consumer Affairs Section of the District of Columbia Bar, we respectfully urge your priority attention to the appointment of individuals to the remaining vacancies in the key federal regulatory agencies.* While you have acted to fill vacancies in several agencies, there are two - the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - that warrant immediate attention.

As you know, there are only two sitting commissioners at the Consumer Product Safety Commission. For almost half a year, the Commission has lacked sufficient members to constitute a quorum to conduct business. As a result, the important mission of this agency has ground to a halt. At the NHTSA, we understand that a nominee has been identified and has been serving as a consultant to the agency for several months. Nevertheless, his appointment has not been submitted for Senate confirmation. As a result, his ability to formulate policy for the agency is limited.

The mandate for both of these agencies is critical to the health and safety of the American consumer. We urge that vacancies in these and other federal regulatory agencies be filled on an expedited basis so that their important work can proceed.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Lemov
Co-Chair

Mark Steinback
Co-Chair

*The views expressed herein represent only those of the Section on Antitrust, Trade Regulation and Consumer Affairs of the District of Columbia Bar and not those of the District of Columbia Bar or its Board of Governors.

DCBAR