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Mr. Charles Hatt
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Dear Mr. Hatt:

**Re: Discontinuance of an inquiry relating to Friends of Science Society, International
Climate Science Coalition and Heartland Institute**

I am writing to inform you that, in accordance with subsection 22(1) of the *Competition Act* (the “Act”), the Commissioner of Competition (the “Commissioner”) has discontinued the inquiry he caused to be commenced under paragraph 10(1)(a) of the Act on April 28, 2016 following receipt of your application for an inquiry pursuant to section 9 of the Act.

The inquiry concerned allegations that Friends of Science Society, International Climate Science Coalition and Heartland Institute made misleading representations regarding climate change on their respective websites and, in the case of Friends of Science Society, on billboards.

At this time, considering the available evidence, the assessment of the facts in this case, and to ensure the effective allocation of limited resources, the Commissioner has discontinued the inquiry.

Notwithstanding this assessment, should new evidence of alleged anti-competitive conduct come to your attention, the Commissioner remains receptive to receiving any additional information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention.

Yours truly,

Josephine A. L. Palumbo
Deputy Commissioner of Competition
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