Dear Senator,

I am a constituent and the owner of a collision repair business [business name], located in [business location]. Ours is one of hundreds of collision repair facilities located in (name of state). I am also a member of the [state association]. As small businessmen and women, we (and our employees) would be negatively impacted if the Department of Justice decides to terminate a pro-consumer, pro-competition Consent Decree which has been operational since 1963. I am writing to ask you to oppose its termination, and to ask DOJ to hold off on making any decision until the benefits of maintaining this decree can be further analyzed and considered by policy makers like you and other Americans.

In April 2018, the DOJ announced plans to review the nearly 1,300 antitrust judgments enacted without end dates. On August 2, 2019 the Department of Justice identified *U.S. v. Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, et al* (1963 Consent Decree) as one of the judgements proposed for termination. The official comment period on this proposal expires on October 2.

If someone hits your vehicle, and it requires repairs, you should be confident that those involved in the claims and repair process will place your safety and interests first, rather than the interests of the company responsible for paying for the damage. That was the pro-consumer policy at the foundation of the 1963 Consent Decree. It was designed to stop anti-competitive conduct at the time and its existence over the years has served to protect present and future consumers. Its justification is as relevant today as it was over 50 years ago.

Please urge the Department of Justice to maintain this Decree. Should the Decree be terminated

• price fixing for automobile claims could become rampant,

• anti-competitive and exclusionary practices compelling consumers to use only repair vendors beholden to the insurer, rather than to the consumer would flourish, and

• the independence of insurance adjusters and automobile repair shops would evaporate

On behalf of the many collision repair shops in [name of state] and our employees, please communicate to DOJ to express your concerns about the termination of this Decree. Please also ask the DOJ to allow more time for Americans to comment on the need for this Decree to be maintained. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,