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Concert Fans Beware!

There's a train wreck about to happen and consumer groups say YOU will be the victim if the two most powerful corporate interests in the live concert business get their way. But you can help stop the merger of Ticketmaster and Live Nation. The government needs to hear

from music fans now. Tell the Department of Justice that youâ€™re against these monopolies amassing illegal power over consumers, before itâ€™s too late.

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As a concertgoer you have already felt the pain, and if Ticketmaster and Live Nation get their way, itâ€™ll get worse. In the last 12 years, since Live Nation and its predecessor started its widespread takeover of the concert industry, concert ticket prices have shot up 82% while the consumer price index has gone up just 17%*. We are concerned that if the two concert industry behemoths, Live Nation and Ticketmaster, are permitted to merge, the variety and quality of artists coming to local venues will be affected, and your costs could rise further and faster.

Five of the nationâ€™s most prominent public interest groups called on the Department of Justice to block the proposed merger of Ticketmaster and Live Nation:

â€œ**Consumers deserve a fair deal in the entertainment marketplace, not the fewer choices and higher prices that would result from this merger,**â€ said Susan Grant, Director of Consumer Protection at Consumer Federation of America

â€œ**This merger is an insult to both musicians and consumers,**â€ said James Love, Director of Knowledge Ecology International

â€œWe cannot envision a remedy that would ease this chilling impediment to competition... In the absence of other effective, expeditious remedies, **the proposed transaction should be prohibited.**â€ American Antitrust Institute White Paper

As described by Senator Herb Kohl (WI) in the House Antitrust hearing, â€œ**This merger will not only expand Ticketmasterâ€™s control of the ticketing market by eliminating a competitor, but it is also creating an entity that will control the entire chain of the concert business – from artist management to concert promotion and production to ticketing and ticket resale.**â€

â€œ**This merger would be a disaster for consumers.** Nothing short of blocking this takeover of the ticket market by two industry behemoths will be acceptable,â€ said National Consumers League Executive Director Sally Greenberg

â€œAs president, I will direct my administration to reinvigorate antitrust enforcement. I will step up review of merger activity and **take effective action to stop or restructure those mergers that are likely to harm consumer welfare...**â€ said Senator Barack Obama when he was campaigning for the presidency.

If you agree with the consumer groups and lawmakers, make a difference and LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW.

Send a message to the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice telling them you support President Obamaâ€™s campaign promise to protect the American public from abusive monopolies.

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[American Antitrust Institute's White Paper TICKETMASTER - LIVE NATION](#)

[Philadelphia Weekly's cover story "Monopoly Rules"](#)

Signed,

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*Study by Princeton University economist Alan Krueger

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