

**Letter in support of the nomination of Professor Fiona Scott Morton  
as Chief Economist of DG Comp**

*As European economists, we are fully committed to a strong European presence in the regulation of digital platforms, and believe that the nomination of Professor Fiona Scott Morton as Chief Economist of the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission (DG Comp) will contribute to this presence. We fully agree with the statements made in Politico by Professor Jean Tirole: Scott Morton is one of the best economists in the world in the domain of industrial organization, a major contributor to policy thinking on tech regulation and strongly motivated for public service; the European Commission and, more broadly, us Europeans are very lucky to have drawn someone of her caliber.*

*Scott Morton has broad experience, having served both as an expert witness in competition cases and as an antitrust enforcer in the Obama administration. For the last five years she has worked tirelessly to convince American decision makers to modernize the regulation of the large technology firms and has contributed significantly to the European discussions around the DMA and other regulations. She is undoubtedly a world-class expert regarding the European regulatory and competition context. DG Comp is widely considered one of the premier Competition Policy enforcement agencies in the world. We support its efforts to recruit the best possible collaborators in the service of European citizens, independently of their nationality.*

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