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The Honorable Michael B. Mukasey
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Robert F. Kennedy Department of Justice Building
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20530

Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

We write to you today to encourage the Justice Department's antitrust division to investigate several recent transactions that we believe will have negative consequences on the competitive nature of the U.S. package shipping market and will have harmful ramifications for consumers in Ohio and across the United States.

Last month, DHL announced a restructuring plan to outsource all of its domestic airlift business to UPS, with strong indications that all operations at the DHL facility in Wilmington will cease when the processing moves to a UPS facility in Louisville. In addition to its potential anti-competitive effects, this plan has the potential to eliminate over 8,000 jobs in Ohio, and will impact an estimated 41 counties in Ohio.

Two earlier consolidations in this industry have already cost thousands of Ohioans their jobs. The proposed further consolidation gives us serious concern that the nation's shipping market will be adversely affected if UPS is permitted to absorb DHL's domestic shipping operations. In particular, we believe that the new proposed transaction will result in consolidation of the package shipping industry with a high likelihood of anti-competitive effects within that market sector, to the detriment of consumers of those services across the nation.

In 2003, DHL Worldwide Express purchased Airborne Express and consolidated operations in Wilmington, Ohio, vacating its facilities at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport.

In 2005, United Parcel Service (UPS) consolidated operations in Louisville, Kentucky, after acquiring Emery Worldwide, which resulted in the abandonment of the Emery Facility at the Dayton Airport and the loss of 1,200 jobs in Southwestern Ohio. Further consolidation is almost certainly bad news for consumers.

We urge the Justice Department to swiftly and vigorously investigate this transaction to assure that illegal market consolidation is stopped before it starts. Thank you for your attention to this matter that impacts all of us on the local, state, national and international level.

Sincerely,

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Governor of Ohio

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