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New Podcast Episode: Checking In on the Economy & the FTC's Antitrust Agenda

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- In "[Changes to Hart-Scott-Rodino Act a Boon for Lawyers, Not for Competition](#)," Ashton explains the antitrust agencies' costly proposed changes to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act's federal premerger notification program.

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