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# Economic Security Project Submits Statement Supporting Proposed FTC Ban on Non-Compete Clauses

*This is the FTC's first competition rulemaking in over 50 years and tens of thousands of comments were submitted*

**Washington, DC** – Today, Economic Security Project (ESP) submitted a [comment](#) to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) supporting a new proposed rule that would ban non-compete clauses and highlighting how all training repayment agreement provisions (or TRAPs) should be banned as a part of the proposed rule ([FTC-2023-0007-0001](#)). As the first FTC competition rulemaking process in over fifty years, the agency has received tens of thousands of public comments. **ESP Senior Director of Campaigns Anna Aurilio** released the following statement:

“At this very moment, more than thirty million workers spanning the entire United States are banned from seeking better jobs through non-compete agreements. These abusive contract provisions hurt workers’ power and their wallets. We’re proud to support President Biden and the Federal Trade Commission’s efforts to ban non-compete agreements for good – a move that could collectively increase wages by an estimated \$300 billion per year. If we want to close the wage gap for women and communities of color, empower workers to pursue meaningful work, and create a truly fair economy, we need rid the country of non-compete clauses once and for all.”

In February, ESP Director of Government Affairs for Anti-Monopoly and Competition Policy Alex Harman provided remarks before the FTC on this proposed rule, which can be viewed [HERE](#). On top of the comment detailed above, Economic Security Project has supported additional letters and comments in favor of banning non-competes listed below:

- [Letter on Non-Competes from 64 U.S. Senators and Representatives](#)
- [50 Labor & Public Interest Groups Led by Open Markets Support a Complete Ban on Non-Competes](#)

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