RESOLUTION

OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT WEAKENS ANTITRUST STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES

WHEREAS, further attempts are being made in the 97th Congress to obtain special exemptions from the antitrust laws, such as the Malt Beverage Interbrand Competition Act, which provides a special exemption to beer manufacturers to enforce territorial restrictions in their contacts with licensees; H.R. 6467, which would exempt professional team sports leagues from antitrust liability in relocation of league teams and revenue sharing agreements; and H.R. 6262, which would provide an immunity to companies involved in joint research; and

WHEREAS, present antitrust standards adequately protect the interests of such businesses; and

WHEREAS, this legislation weakens antitrust standards and invites other industries to seek similar exemptions from the antitrust laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Attorneys General:

1. Reaffirms its strong opposition to legislation that weakens antitrust standards for specific industries; and

2. Authorizes the General Counsel to transmit these views to the Congress, the Administration, and other appropriate officials.

Attorneys General Linley E. Pearson of Indiana and Tyrone C. Fahner of Illinois dissent.