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Statement by Federal Trade Commission Acting Bureau of Competition Director Bruce Hoffman on the Court Ruling Granting a Preliminary Injunction in the Sanford Health/Mid Dakota Clinic Matter

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Federal Trade Commission Acting Bureau of Competition Director Bruce Hoffman issued the following statement regarding the U.S. District Court ruling yesterday that granted the request of the FTC and the Attorney General's Office of North Dakota for a preliminary injunction in the [proposed merger of Sanford Health and Mid Dakota Clinic](#) in the Bismarck-Mandan region of North Dakota:

"The Court's Dec. 13 ruling temporarily blocking Sanford Health's proposed acquisition of Mid Dakota Clinic is good news for patients and their families in the Bismarck and Mandan metropolitan area. We look forward to proving at trial that this merger would likely reduce competition, resulting in higher prices and lower quality of adult primary care physician services, pediatric services, obstetrics and gynecology services, and general surgery physician services in that area of North Dakota."

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PRESS RELEASE REFERENCE:

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[After Healthcare System Sanford Health Abandons Acquisition of North Dakota Healthcare Provider Mid Dakota Clinic, FTC Dismisses Case from Administrative Trial Process](#)

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