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***D*Business runs article, “FTC Action on Non-Compete Agreements is Unnecessary” written by Butzel Long attorney, Phillip Korovesis**

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Last year brought with it numerous efforts to limit, restrict, or outright ban the use of non-compete agreements. Those efforts occurred at both the state and federal level. But 2019 also brought with it a renewed and focused effort at the federal level for change in the non-compete arena.

In July 2019, as part of that effort, Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel signed on to a letter, along with 18 other state attorneys general, to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in an effort to get the FTC to act on non-competes. Attorney General Nessel signed on again to that effort in a Nov. 15, 2019 follow-up letter asking the FTC to restrict or ban non-compete agreements.

The state attorneys general urged the FTC to take rule-making action to rein in non-compete agreements because the FTC “offers the quickest, most comprehensive regulatory path to

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protecting all workers from these exploitive contracts,” apparently ignoring any benefits such agreements might provide. The signers of that letter believe that this path was a better path forward even though they continued to support state and federal legislative reforms on non-competes.

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