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Block the Merger Coalition Statement on Paramount Agreeing to Freeze Warner Bros. Discovery Merger

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Washington, D.C.— The Block the Merger Coalition released the following statement after Paramount agreed to halt its proposed \$111 billion merger with Warner Bros. Discovery until June 2027 at the latest while a federal court considers a lawsuit brought by state attorneys general seeking to block the deal:

“Today marks an important victory in the fight to stop this dangerous merger. A deal once treated as inevitable is now frozen, because thousands of people spoke out and state attorneys general acted.

“Our grassroots movement brought together individuals and organizations across film, television, journalism, consumer advocacy, and the pro-democracy community who raised their voices because they understood what was at stake. They trusted that collective action could make a difference. And it did.

“After months of Paramount claiming there was no antitrust case here, their decision to agree to pause the merger is telling. Paramount is effectively acknowledging what the coalition, state attorneys general, the WGA, shareholders, and workers across the industry have known from the start. Combining two of the biggest studios in Hollywood means fewer buyers for creative work, fewer jobs, fewer voices, higher prices for consumers, and too much power over what Americans consume in dangerously few hands.

“This agreement prevents Paramount from completing the merger while its legality is challenged. We fought for our day in court, and we got it. We will continue working to stop it permanently. We are confident that the states will win on the merits at trial.”

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