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Mark Katz Reacts to Canada's Maintenance of Pre-Merger Threshold in Interview with *Global Competition Review*

After the Competition Bureau's announcement last week that the pre-merger notification threshold will remain the same as last year, *Global Competition Review* asked Mark Katz for his thoughts on the decision.

"Although technically the Minister can decide not to follow that formula [set out in the legislation for setting the threshold annually], I believe that the threshold should be increased any year if justified by the formula," Mark said.

"Any move to freeze or lower the threshold should come about as part of a considered discussion among stakeholders and not through administrative action," he added. However, he noted that he doesn't support a reduction in the threshold because the Bureau already has the authority to challenge non-notifiable transactions and is "exercising that authority vigorously."