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In a thought-provoking and highly topical contribution in a recent edition of E.C.L.R., Lior Frank advocated more active competition law enforcement against exploitative prices by dominant firms during the Covid-19 crisis. This topic raises a number of controversies, many of which are acutely highlighted by the current health crisis and have been echoed in public pronouncements of enforcement authorities. This comment explores some of the economic and policy issues behind Frank's proposals.

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