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**Remarks of Samuel Levine at
LGBTQ+ Veteran Fraud Listening Session**

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Thank you, Maureen. I'm Sam Levine, my pronouns are he/him, and I'm the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission. I'm delighted to be here with you and our colleagues at the Department of Veterans Affairs who have made today possible.

I am honored to join you for this Listening Session and to open up a conversation about your experiences with fraud and how it affects you as LGBTQ+ veterans. I'm here not only as a representative of the FTC, but as a staunch supporter of our veterans and an out and proud American who has been inspired by so many in the LGBTQ+ community. Today I hope we can explore the ways in which fraud and other forms of economic exploitation can uniquely affect LGBTQ+ veterans.

