

Chairman Cline, Ranking Member Swalwell, and distinguished Members of the Committee, I am Jeanne Bumpus, Director of the Office of Congressional Relations, of the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC").¹ Thank you for the opportunity to address the FTC's responses to requests from the Committee on the Judiciary ("Committee") since the beginning of the 118th Congress.

The FTC is the only federal agency with the broad mission of both protecting consumers and maintaining competition in most sectors of the economy. Its jurisdiction includes privacy and data security, consumer fraud, and anti-competitive practices and conduct in the pharmaceutical, defense, technology, hospital, retail food, and other sectors that affect every American every day. The FTC's 1200 public servants work tirelessly every day to meet this broad and critical mission.

The FTC shares your view that congressional oversight is vital to a well-functioning democracy, and we appreciate that. We are committed to cooperating with the Committee's efforts to seek information, consistent with our obligation to protect the agency's ongoing initiatives and law enforcement efforts. The FTC appreciates that oversight is a critical aspect of the legislative process and can both inform whether additional legislation is necessary, as well as shed valuable light on the FTC's operations.

Providing information to Congress is a fundamental and regular part of what we do each day. The FTC works with Members and Committees to provide them with expert, thoughtful, and timely information, in spite of party or position. The FTC devotes significant time and resources to supporting Congress's needs for information, working with Bureaus and Offices

¹ This written statement presents the view of the Federal Trade Commission. The oral statement and responses to questions reflect my own views and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Commission or any Commissioner.

In conclusion, I emphasize again that the FTC recognizes that congressional oversight is an important part of our system of government. The Commission remains committed to working with Congress in good faith, consistent with long-standing Commission policy. We look forward to engaging with your staff to continue to produce responsive materials to meet the Committee's oversight requests while ensuring the FTC can continue to protect the independence, integrity, and effectiveness of the Commission's law enforcement efforts and core agency processes. The FTC stands ready to continue its long-standing efforts to work with Congress, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.