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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JULY 26, 2022
Mr. BILIRAKIS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION
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ments to the House of Representatives relating to com-
munications and directives with the Federal Trade Com-
mission.

Resolved, That the President of the United States is
requested to furnish the House of Representatives, not
later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this reso-
lution, copies of any document, record, audio recording,
memorandum, call log, correspondence (electronic or oth-
erwise), or other communication in his possession, or any
portion of any document, record, audio recording, memo-
randum, call log, correspondence (electronic or otherwise),
or other communication, that refers or relates to the fol-
lowing:

(1) The decision of the Federal Trade Commis-
sion (FTC) to delete “without unduly burdening le-
gitimate business activity” from the FTC’s draft
strategy plan for fiscal years 2022 to 2026, as such
language has been included in FTC mission state-
ments for decades, through both Republican and
Democrat administrations.

(2) The FTC’s goals changing from its tradi-
tional focus on protecting consumers from fraud, as
well as ensuring businesses have clear rules to fol-
low, in favor of an unorthodox interpretation of its
antitrust mission to reshape the United States econ-
omy.

(3) The FTC’s communications and actions
with departing commissioners, including casting so-
called “zombie” votes after such individual’s depa-

ture, and any use of official resources by such indi-

vidual during or after such individual’s departure.

(4) Complaints received from career FTC em-
ployees regarding being silenced with a “gag rule”
as well as being terminated for exercising independ-
ence from the FTC Chair’s executive staff.
(5) Communication or coordination between the Executive Office of the President and the Federal Trade Commission to initiate a Trade Regulation Rule on Commercial Surveillance.

(6) Statement by National Economic Council (NEC special assistant Tim Wu) who reportedly “asked the FTC to see if [you] can craft a rule around data collection”.

(7) Transmission from the Federal Trade Commission to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs on a Trade Regulation Rule on Commercial Surveillance.