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November 10, 2020

The Honorable Joseph J. Simons
Chairman
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Chairman Simons:

We write to request the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) immediately stop work on all partisan, controversial items under consideration, consistent with applicable law and regulation, and follow the norms set by past transfers of power.

With the results of the 2020 presidential election now apparent, leadership of the FTC will undoubtedly be changing. As a traditional part of the transfer of power—and as part of our oversight responsibilities—we strongly urge the agency to only pursue consensus and administrative matters that are non-partisan for the remainder of your tenure.

We hope you will respect this time-honored tradition. There are undoubtedly a number of consensus matters on which the Commission must focus to appropriately carry out its mission on behalf of the public, and we urge you to take quick action on such items.

Sincerely,



Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman



Jan Schakowsky
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Subcommittee on Consumer Protection
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cc: The Honorable Noah Joshua Phillips, Commissioner
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The Honorable Rohit Chopra, Commissioner
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The Honorable Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, Commissioner
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The Honorable Christine S. Wilson, Commissioner
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