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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, for this opportunity to appear before you with Chairman Muris and my fellow Commissioners.

Today, I would like to briefly address a growing and very threatening problem for all of us – unwanted e-mail, or spam.

Consumers must have trust and confidence in technology and its uses, particularly when it comes to the privacy and security of their personal and sensitive information. Because spam undermines consumer trust and confidence, it represents a significant and rapidly growing threat to web-based services.

The Commission's testimony provides the Subcommittee with an overview of our efforts to combat spam and also

