## Statement of Jon Leibowitz Nomination for a Second Term as Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission November 15, 2011

I am pleased to appear before you with Maureen Ohlhausen, a former FTC official, who we hope will soon be back at the agency in a new role as a Commissioner. And I am delighted to be here with my colleagues on the Commission: Tom Rosch, Edith Ramirez, and Julie Brill. I am also joined by my wife, Ruth Marcus, and o

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cookies, geolocation, and facial recognition; the value of industry-wide codes of conduct; and the difficulty of safeguarding privacy when users of electronic devices every year seem to grow younger as well as more tech-savvy than their parents. We look forward to working with you to address these issues.

to make it in tough economic times are particularly vulnerable to rising health care costs. We push back against this trend, challenging proposed hospital mergers likely to raise prices and fighting various anticompetitive restrictions on health care goods and services.

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pharmaceutical settlement. These sweetheart deals between brand-name and generic drug makers delay entry of lower-priced generics on the market and cost Americans billions of dollars annually in higher prescription prices. Equally troubling, these agreements add to the federal

troleum markets closely. We are keenly aware of the impact of gasoline prices on American families households have only limited ability to reduce their gasoline consumption, so increased prices severely cut into their ability to buy other necessary goods. This past summer, FTC staff issued a study that examined the various factors

rising demand in China and India. We also opened an investigation when we learned of anomalous behavior among oil refineries profit margins were going up at the same time utilization rates were going down. Let me assure you, if we find violations of the law, we will aggressively pursue them.

r broad sectors of the economy, we will continue to produce various industry studies many of which Congress requested and emphasize self-regulation. These include periodic reports on the marketing of violent entertainment to children we examine movies, music, and video games, and next year, we will look at apps,

healthy food to kids. The feedback from stakeholders has helped us make dramatic improvements to