

Concurring Statement of Chairman Joe Simons,
Regarding the Matters of Sandpiper/Per Gear and Patriot Puck

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The FTC's enduring institutional strength has always been bolstered by our culture of self-reflection, our commitment to critical thinking, and our flexibility in response to changes in the marketplace. However, I continue to believe, as I and Commissioner Slaughter stated in September, that "a thoughtful review and forward-looking plan is a more effective and efficient use of Commission resources than re-opening and re-litigating the cases before us today." To that end, the agency intends to hold a workshop later this year on its "Made in U.S.A." enforcement program to consider whether the Commission is using its legal authorities as effectively as possible to fairly and efficiently pursue vigorous enforcement against companies and individuals that make deceptive U.S.-origin claims.