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Remarks of Chair Lina M. Khan Regarding the Proposed Policy Statement on Right to Repair

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We Commission calls on the pubic to subit com Moss **W**ranty **A**, which prohibts, among other things, ty to the use of a specific serice proider or product, unle

Workshop, the Commission sought public comments and submissions of empirical research concerning repair restrictions. The full docket of public comments and empirical research submissions is available at Nixing the Fix: A Workshop on Repair Restrictions, Fed. Trade Comm'n, Docket No. FTC-2019-0013,

¹ Fed. Trade Comm'n, *Nixing the Fix: An FTC Report to Congress on Repair Restrictions* (May 2021), <u>https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/nixing-fix-ftc-report-congress-repair-</u> <u>restrictions/nixing the fix report final 5521 630pm-508 002.pdf</u>. In conjunction with the Nixing the Fix

https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FTC-2019-0013/document; Nixing the Fix Call for Empirical Research, Fed. Trade Comm'n, Docket No. FTC-2019-0013-0001, https://www.regulations.gov/document/FTC-2019-0013-0001/comment.

Further, the policy statement notes that the Commission will target repair restrictions that violate the antitrust laws or the FTC Act's prohibitions on unfair or deceptive acts or practices. An interdisciplinary approach will also allow the FTC to use the full range of its expertise when seeking to enforce the law.

I urge my colleagues to support this policy statement and the Commission's effort to use our full authority to protect consumers and businesses from unlawful repair restrictions.
