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FTC Related Topic
Consumer Protection

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It might be possible to narrowly tailor laws pertaining to voice cloning, within the narrow scope of fraud, which is one of the categories of unprotected speech that can survive strict scrutiny, given that you are trying to create a content based restriction of speech pursuant to the US supreme court decision is United States v. Stevens.

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Amazon used these lower costs, not out of some love of books and a desire to increase to literature and other materials to the general public – but because they could use them to lure consumers to its website where they would buy higher ticket, more profitable items and increase their market share. Predatory pricing came at the expense of smaller competitors who cannot afford to match their prices.

Thus, In viewing the history of Amazon, many economists often refer to Amazon's role in the bookselling and publishing world as one of "creative destruction." ABA disagrees. Amazon's impact on these markets is one of calculated destruction. Amazon is certainly creative; it has used its creativity not for the betterment of the market, but for its own gain at the expense of the market, and to flout laws and find new ways to stifle competition.

We contend these pricing issues are a clear violation of Robinson-Patman and thus fall under the jurisdiction of the FTC. We urge the FTC to use its power to investigate these issues in the bookselling industry. Given Amazon's continued dominance in the bookselling arena, even as it has grown in many more markets, its ability to dictate prices and publishing within the market not only has competitive consequences but First Amendment consequences as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Grogan, Director
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FTC Related Topic
Consumer Protection

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I'm seeking ALL INFORMATION
Regarding Violations of a Person's
Real & Personal Property.
I saw the FTC last Sunday on CBS
& I was SO IMPRESSED with how
Much they do, I really do want to
Learn More. Thank you.

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FTC Related Topic

Competition

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We make Hydrox Cookies which competes head-to-head with Oreo. We filed a complaint a few year back after we found out Mondelez had been hiding Hydrox in stores nationwide in an attempt to have our cookies discontinued. So far, nothing has been done to stop Mondelez and we have not seen any response from the FTC on this matter. Here is the link: Here is the link to their press release and the complaint they filed with the FTC.

<https://moginrubin.com/leaf-brands-has-asked-the-ftc-to-investigate-anticompetitive-conduct-by-mondelez-inc-the-maker-of-oreos/>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [OpenMeeting](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Oreo vs. Hydrox
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 12:32:49 AM

Hi,

I am the CEO of Leaf Brands, owner of the Hydrox® cookie brand. For years, we have been suffering major damage to our sales due to the uncompetitive actions of Mondelez, the owner of Oreo® cookies. Here is my public statement for the open meeting to be held on November 16th at 11 am ET.

Since bringing back Hydrox® Cookies, the only major national competitor to Oreo® Cookies, We've had many brokers, buyers, and consumers complain to us that Mondelez has been on a campaign for years to make sure we never come back to compete with Oreo. We filed a complaint with the FTC in 2022, yet we still have the same issues and have not heard a word from the FTC as to what you are doing to stop these unlawful practices. These continued practices are keeping us off store shelves across the US.

As you can see below, this is not a small issue. We've had many interviews and shows discussing the Mondelez tactics.

I was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal when we originally filed the complaint here: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/food-fight-in-the-cookie-aislehydrox-vs-oreo-turns-cutthroat-11547740235>

Here is the link to our press release and the complaint our law firm filed with the FTC.

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FTC Related Topic
Competition

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Link to web video statement
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I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the proposed merger between Choice Hotels International and Wyndham Hotels. I believe that this merger would create an anti-competitive environment that would harm franchisees and consumers alike. These are two of the largest companies in the industry and hold dominant share in the budget and mid-scale hotel segment. The proposed merger would combine the market shares of these two companies, giving them undue advantage over consumer and franchisees. This would create a monopoly in the market and the merger would make it more difficult for franchisees to exit the affiliation and stringent contracts and brand requirements will be enforced to get kickbacks for vendors and keep the revenue growing for the brands in turn to satisfy the investor at the wall street, on the back of the franchisees. The merger would reduce the incentive for these companies to innovate for them to expand, as they would no longer have to compete with each other. I urge you to vote against the proposed merger. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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FTC Related Topic

Competition

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Yes

Submit written comment

Re: FTC Comment on Artificial Intelligence and Copyright

Good afternoon,

I'm Jess Miers from Chamber of Progress, a center-left tech industry coalition. Our partners span various industries but they do not have a vote or veto over our positions. I'd like to address the FTC's recent comment submitted to the U.S. Copyright Office regarding generative AI and copyright policy, which we believe is inconsistent with the FTC's mission to promote more competition.

The Commission's remarks imply that misusing copyrighted materials could be deemed unfair per Section 5 of the FTC Act, and they further assert that behavior consistent with copyright law might still violate Section 5. This stance leads the Commission to erroneously support a licensing framework for using publicly available works to train AI models.

From: [Kimani Okearah](#)
To: [OpenMeeting](#)
Subject: Statement from Kimani Okearah, Founder and CEO of Let Me Out Productions
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 8:31:26 PM

I'm in a place with shoddy internet and the video took too long to upload, which is why I'm submitting late.

Here's the video link <https://www.tiktok.com/@thekimansta/video/7301492570511904046>

Here's my written statement:

My name is Kimani Okearah, the founder of Let Me Out Productions, a media production studio. Our brand is a networked collaboration anchored by an intellectual property puzzle, my invention in early 2021. The Bored Ape Yacht Club is also a networked collaboration in a brand.

CryptoCurrency is an encrypted value transfer protocol used by a network for a specific purpose, and not a facility for investment.

Blockchain is a public notary service that layers transactions of value and custody in "blocks," and records those blocks in a permanent, programmable chain.

A non-fungible token is a digital title for intellectual property recorded and transacted by the blockchain.

The sector is rife with scammers, grifters, liars, and market cheats, even though a permanent, public record is quite possibly the worst place to commit crime and antitrust violations. I myself have been plagiarized, stolen from, conspired against, and colluded against by multiple grifters during my time building networked collaborations in intellectual property. Our brand, a theatrical company producing audience experiences, sells "Company Ownership Tokens" to anchor consumer collaboration through intellectual property they own.

We built our products on the OpenSea marketplace's "Shared Storefront contract" to satisfy compliance obligations with third-party asset definition. We've passed two compliance audits and have traded our collaborative brand for 2.5 years without issue.

Currently, OpenSea is a marketplace set up to look like an exchange of financial instruments. On September 14th, 2023, they restrained the trade of our "Company Ownership Tokens."

While the title of our art may cause debate, as is the point of effective art, we're relying

producing audience experiences. The customer of the product enjoys collaborative services, experiences, and property rights in our collective brand. We do not promote or encourage investment, as that is not the point. When a customer purchases a piece of the intellectual property puzzle, they should not expect the value of that piece to grow so they can sell it to another at a mark-up based on brand strength. In fact, we've designed out product release to mitigate that potential market reality, as speculators hurt the quality of our experience.

OpenSea is engaged in a conspiracy to limit competition, as we launched this product on March 24th, 2021, and they've disabled it from trade, violating the Sherman Act. Other networked collaborations in brands that literally performed on the market as passive investments are able to trade on their marketplace, but the original networked brand collaboration is currently disabled.

As a marginalized and disabled individual, I don't have rights unless I can pay a lawyer to enforce basic decency.

I'd like the FTC to explore the rampant amounts of antitrust violations occurring in the web3 sector, including those enacted by both OpenSea and the SEC. The SEC's declaration that all tokenized intellectual property on the blockchain is typically an investment of money is false, and a conspiracy to limit competition in and of itself.

The purchase premise of a digital title to intellectual property is the collaboration in the IP. It is not passive gains from the strength of the IP.

The Bored Ape Yacht Club collaborative brand sells pictures of an ape that anchors the collaboration in the strength of the mark of trade. The purchase premise at the \$200 initial price was collaboration. A few months later, some of those pieces were trading for over \$700,000, forming the objective market reality of an investment contract - however, the proprietor intent and the promoted customer purchase premise need to be the priority.

In contrast, not a single one of our customers have tried to earn gains from a secondary sale in our 2.6 years of trade. Not a single token has been listed, as the purchase premise is the collaboration.

I encourage the FTC to extend jurisprudence to this sector as soon as can be, because self-righteous zealotry against networked collaborative products in IP will set the United States economy backward in ways we cannot recover from.

My suggestion to the marketplaces is to stop using a user interface that looks like an exchange of financial instruments, and to enable creators to freeze secondary trades for a window of time to encourage proper purchase premise.

My suggestion to the SEC is to focus on rug pulls instead of creating rug pulls by regulating their self-righteous conjecture instead of market actuality, proprietor intent, and customer purchase premise.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts on competition in web3.

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Non-compete agreements are being used in a punitive manner on employees who can no longer justify working for firms that act unethically. This is a very negative situation for both the former employee and the field of companies that are denied of this competent labor. The FTC has proposed outlawing these harmful agreements across the board, but apparently it takes an act of Congress to follow through. When is meaningful action going to be taken? There are many citizens like myself who are being harmed by not getting opportunities from companies w ho actively need our labor.

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Franchisor and franchisee: relationship is Unique, here comes the situation when our superiors are deciding our fate without our consent.

HOW COME SOMEONE CAN DECIDE OUR FATE WITHOUT OUR CONSENT AND /OR ANY OPTIONS FOR FRANCHISES.

WE SHOULD ATLEAST HAVE RIGHT TO SAY YES OR NO and OPTION TO EXIT WITH NOT A SINGLE PENNY AS ANY KIND OF FEE OR PENALTY.

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discrimination of credit score by higher education and now the commission shut me down for 4 months and now i cant work. If i didn't file my taxes correctly, help me. I have been frauded by the clerks office of having to pay to see the open records request. I believe the clerk's office is behind a lot of this.. I need help and a voice to hear.

Misty A. Keele

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FTC Related Topic

FTC Operations

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Mississippi

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I would like to know what is the status of my data account system accounts and does they have any value ? Thanks in have a good day .

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I have a big concern about choice & wyndham merger. Last time when wyndham bought La Quinta hotels wyndham passed lot more extra cost on us. I lost the clients, we had to pay for everything new with wyndham logos. Lost revenue and property got devalued. At one time I owned 4 LaQuinta and 4 was under development plan. We knew that wyndham is bad company and their culture is bad too. Eventually I had to cancel those projects and loose the money.

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FTC Related Topic

Consumer Protection

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This relates to artist's protection of their voice. You would need to establish a process that each time AI uses an artist's voice a royalties payment is triggered. It should not be akin to streaming, where the winner the top 1% takes all.