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Federal Trade Commission
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Office of the Chair

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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan:

I am writing in response to your June 28, 2023, letter requesting testimony from 23 individuals who work at the Commission, and your July 6, 2023, email detailing your planned schedule for those interviews. As I have stated, I value the role of congressional oversight, and the Commission is committed to constructive discussion and cooperation with the House Judiciary Committee. Already, the Commission is devoting significant time and resources to respond to your six other requests.

As the Commission works to accommodate the needs of the Committee, a more specific description of the information the Committee seeks through its June 28, 2023, request will aid the Commission in meeting the Committee's needs. Therefore, the Commission requests clarification regarding the topics of oversight and the contours of the potential legislative initiatives the Committee referenced in the June 28, 2023, letter. As explained in then-Assistant Attorney General William Barr's 1989 OLC opinion, "[t]he process of accommodation requires that each branch explain to the other why it believes its needs to be legitimate. Without such an explanation, it may be difficult or impossible to assess the needs of one branch and relate them to those of the other."¹ In short, we request clarification about the topics on which you seek information so that we may determine how best to accommodate your request.

Once we understand your request, the Commission will work collaboratively with the Committee to identify the proper official(s)