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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
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The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero  
President  
Rhode Island State

The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi  
Speaker  
Rhode Island House of Representatives

The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson  
Majority Leader  
Rhode Island Senate

The Honorable Christopher R. Blazejewski  
Majority Leader  
Rhode Island House of Representatives

The Honorable Jessica de la Cruz  
Minority Leader  
Rhode Island Senate

The Honorable Michael Chippendale  
Minority Leader  
Rhode Island House of Representatives

Dear President Ruggiero, Majority Leader Pearson, Minority Le

to  
provide information about the FTC's concurrent efforts to address junk fees. The views in this letter are  
my own and do not necessarily reflect the view of the FTC or any individual Commissioner.

deceptive junk fees in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a) other statutes that the FTC has the authority to enforce. For example, the Commission took action [against Vonage](#) an

live-event tickets and issued a corresponding [staff report](#).<sup>10</sup> The workshop revealed that market participants believed they could not correct course without regulatory intervention. For example, after a PDUNHW OHDGHU WRRN XQLODWHUDO DFWLRQ WR SKDVH RXW DQG DEDQGRQHGWKH SROLF\ DIWHU D \HDU EHFDDXVH to FRQVX I EH KLJKHU WKDQ LWV FRP<sup>11</sup> Tickets were sold and participated in the Groupon that did not provide upfront all L Q SULFLQJ <sup>3</sup> IDY Rn public through federal legislation or UXOHPBNLQJ

### Proposed Rulemaking

In October 2022, the FTC issued an [advance notice of proposed rulemaking](#),<sup>12</sup> § 1.3.5 seeking public comment on a potential rule to address junk fees proliferating throughout the economy. The ANPR