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**HEARING NOTICE**

**TO: Members of the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce**

**FROM: Jan Schakowsky, Chair**

**SUBJECT: Subcommittee Hearing on “Transforming the FTC: Legislation to Modernize Consumer Protection”**

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce of the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a hybrid hearing that includes both in-person and remote attendance on **Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. (EDT)**. The hearing is entitled, “Transforming the FTC: Legislation to Modernize Consumer Protection.” Witnesses will be by invitation only.

This is a legislative hearing that will focus on the following attached bills:

- **H.R. 2671**, the “Solidifying Habitual and Institutional Explanations of Liability and Defenses Act” or the “SHIELD Act” (*Rep. Armstrong (R-ND) on 04/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 2672**, the “FTC Robust Elderly Protections and Organizational Requirements to Track Scams Act” or the “FTC REPORTS Act” (*Rep. Bilirakis (R-FL) on 04/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 2676**, the “Revealing Economic Conclusions for Suggestions Act” or the “RECS Act” (*Rep. Bucshon (R-IN) on 04/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 2677**, the “Technological Innovation through Modernizing Enforcement Act” or the “TIME Act” (*Rep. Burgess (R-TX) on 04/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 2690**, the “Clarifying Legality and Enforcement Action Reasoning Act” or the “CLEAR Act” (*Rep. Guthrie (R-KY) on 04/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 2702**, the “Statement on Unfairness Reinforcement and Emphasis Act” or the “SURE Act” (*Rep. Mullin (R-OK) on 04/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 3067**, the “Online Consumer Protection Act” (*Reps. Schakowsky (D-IL) and Castor (D-FL) on 05/07/2021*)
- **H.R. 3918**, a bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to permit the Federal Trade Commission to enforce such Act against certain tax-exempt organizations (*Rep. Rush (D-IL) on 06/15/2021*)
- **H.R. 4447**, the “21st Century FTC Act” (*Rep. Castor on 07/16/2021*)

- **H.R. 4460**, the “Consumer Equity Protection Act of 2021” (*Rep. Kelly (D-IL) on 07/16/2021*)
- **H.R. 4475**, the “Protecting Consumers in Commerce Act of 2021” (*Rep. McNerney (D-CA) on 07/16/2021*)
- **H.R. 4483**, the “Veterans and Servicemember Consumer Protection Act of 2021” (*Reps. Rice (D-NY) and Upton (R-MI) on 07/16/2021*)
- **H.R. 4488**, the “FTC Autonomy Act” (*Rep. Schakowsky on 07/16/2021*)
- **H.R. 4530**, the “Federal Trade Commission Technologists Act of 2021” (*Rep. McNerney on 07/19/2021*)
- **H.R. 4551**, the “Reporting Attacks from Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring Web Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies Act” or the “RANSOMWARE Act” (*Rep. Bilirakis on 07/20/2021*)
- **H.R. 4564**, the “Federal Trade Commission Transparency Act” (*Rep. Guthrie on 07/20/2021*)

This hearing will take place in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, as well as remotely using Cisco WebEx online video conferencing. Members will receive WebEx participant access information by email before the hearing. No staff from member offices will be allowed in the Committee room. **However, one staffer from each member’s office may join the hearing remotely as an attendee.** Each designated staff attendee must **register** at the provided link **by no later than Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 12 p.m. (EDT)**. The public may view this hearing via live webcast on the Committee’s website: <http://energycommerce.house.gov>.

For members planning to attend in person, the Committee notes that this hearing is being held during the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore the Committee will adhere to the greatest extent possible to the safety guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Attending Physician of the Capitol. **Guidelines regarding the conduct of this hearing were previously distributed.**

The bipartisan staff briefing for this hearing will be held using Microsoft Teams on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. (EDT). The Democratic staff briefing will be held immediately following the bipartisan briefing. The Republican staff briefing will be announced separately. Information for these briefings will be sent out later this week.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Kaczmarek with the Committee staff at [ed.kaczmarek@mail.house.gov](mailto:ed.kaczmarek@mail.house.gov).

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