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Comment Form

Federal Trade Commission

Title: Notice of Workshop and Opportunity for Comment**Subject Category:** The "Sharing" Economy: Issues Facing Platforms, Participants, and Regulators A Federal Trade Commission Workshop**Published:** Date To Be Added**Comments Due:** Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Invitation To Comment:

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC") will hold a workshop to explore issues relating to emerging internet peer-to-peer platforms--often called the "sharing" economy--and the economic activity these platforms facilitate. The workshop will examine competition, consumer protection, and economic issues arising in the sharing economy to promote more informed analysis of its competitive dynamics as well as benefits and risks to consumers. The workshop will consider if, and the extent to which, existing regulatory frameworks can be responsive to new sharing economy business models while maintaining appropriate consumer protections. It also will examine how various regulatory choices may affect competition and consumers.

The Commission invites public comment on the questions outlined below. The Commission seeks the views of consumers, business representatives, economists, lawyers, academics, and other interested parties. As explained below, comments will be considered for workshop planning purposes and may inform a report or further public discussions about these issues.

Prior to the workshop, the Commission will publish an agenda, names of speakers, and further information on the workshop website.

The workshop will be held on June 9, 2015 in the Conference Center of the FTC office building at 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

To be considered for the workshop, comments must be received on or before May 26, 2015. In addition, any interested person may submit written comments in response to this announcement and workshop discussions until August 4, 2015.

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