Statement of Commissioner Terrell McSweeny

April 16, 2018

Today I announce my resignation from my position as Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission, effective April 28, 2018.

I am grateful to President Obama and Vice President Biden for the opportunity to serve during some important milestones in the FTC's history including the 100th anniversary of the agency and its first Commission led entirely by women. During the last four years, the FTC took careful stock of the tools it needs to remain nimble enough to navigate fast-paced digital markets. Through reports, workshops, and cases we examined the benefits and consequences of the powerful technology that connects us to each other and the world. We agreed that a strong FTC is vital to protecting consumers in the digital age. I hope future commissions will build on this work, expand the FTC's use of cutting-edge research and technological expertise, and protect the agency's independence.

I especially want to thank my colleague acting Chairman Maureen Ohlhausen. I am proud that together we cast more than 500 unanimous votes to protect consumers and competition. In a highly-charged and partisan time, we worked to make sure that the FTC remains an expert agency governed by bipartisan consensus.

Our success was possible thanks to the professionalism and expertise of the excellent staff of the FTC. Their dedication and commitment to public service is inspiring. It has been a tremendous privilege to work with them and to serve with my former colleagues Chairwoman Ramirez, Commissioners Brill and Wright.

Most of all, I want to thank my talented, knowledgeable, and hard-working team: my attorney advisors Christine DeLorme, Janice Kopec, Brian O'Dea, Jennifer Schwab, and Joshua Tzuker; my economic advisor Nathan Wilson; my paralegals Christina Luo and Sheya Jabouin; my administrative assistant Joneta Saceda; and the many enthusiastic interns who contributed to our work together. I am incredibly grateful to each of them for their intellect, hard work, and good humor.