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Via Email and Fedex

Namecheap, Inc.
Attn: Legal Department
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Re: Impersonation of the Federal Trade Commission and Unauthorized
Use of Its Logo by Domains Registered by Namecheap, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to inform you that one or more domains registered by Namecheap are perpetrating government grant scams¹ that impersonate the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and utilize the FTC's logo without authorization.

We have received at least one consumer report that consumers are being directed to the website FTCgrant.com. The website states that the FTC "provid[es] you and other individuals across the world with financial assistance to help them fulfill their life dreams and goals." It further states that the FTC is "dedicated to support [sic] individuals in realizing their aspirations and ambitions by offering financial assistance through grants." Please see attached screenshots of the website.

The FTC has no such program and is not affiliated with the entities or individuals operating this website. Please be advised that it is a violation of the Rule on Impersonation of Government and Businesses, 16 C.F.R. § 461, to "materially and falsely pose as, directly or by implication, a government entity or officer."

¹ <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/government-grant-scams>

We expect to hear from Namecheap regarding this urgent consumer protection matter promptly. Please direct any questions, and a copy of your response, to Virginia Rosa, vrosa@ftc.gov, 202-326-3068.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lois C. Greisman
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