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Note from Commissioner Noah Joshua Phillips to FTC Employees

October 14, 2022

Friends,

In August, I announced my intent to resign from my position as Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission this Fall. I am resigning effective today.

Serving on the FTC and working every day to protect consumers has been the honor of my lifetime. I am incredibly grateful to President Trump and the U.S. Senate for the opportunity. During the last four years, including through the disruptive COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has accomplished historic competition and consumer protection results for American consumers. We did so while respecting the limits of our authority and grappling frankly with the tradeoffs it requires. I hope the agency will benefit from my efforts to highlight these limits and tradeoffs in the context of enforcement, regulation, and Commission decisions.

I want to thank my colleagues: Chair Khan and Commissioners Slaughter, Wilson, and Bedoya. I also want to thank my former colleagues, Chairman Simons and Commissioners Ohlhausen and Chopra. I have learned so much from serving with these seven smart, dedicated, and creative public servants, and enjoyed our work together. We agreed more often than not; and where we disagreed, I believe we highlighted for the public, policymakers, and judges the weighty issues we routinely face. I will miss working with you.

I will also miss working with the incredibly talented career staff of the FTC. I stand in awe of the intellect, creativity, ethic, and passion you bring to protecting the public. The administrators, economists, lawyers, and others I was lucky enough to meet taught me a tremendous amount about working and living in the spirit of public service. To a person, you are an incredible group; and the American public are lucky to have the FTC staff at their back.

Finally, thanks to my amazing staff, current and former: Anna Aryankalayil, Jackson Dalman, Beth Delaney, Elyse Dorsey, Shiva Koohi, Eitan Levisohn, Matt Panhans, Amy Posner, Ryan Quillian, Peter Rindfuss, Ted Rosenbaum, Jasmine Rosner, Aylin Skroejer, Kim Thompson, Oren Vitenson, Stelios Xenakis, Kate White, and Cynthia Whittle. These phenomenal women and men excel in every way, and include some of the greatest competition and consumer protection minds in America. I am so lucky to have had the chance to work with each one of them. I will miss this work and all of you immensely.

Farewell,

Noah Joshua Phillips