

**Commissioner Slaughter Opening Statement
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Subcommittee on Innovation, Data & Commerce
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Chairman Bilirakis, Ranking Member Schakowsky, Chair McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Pallone, and members of the Subcommittee, I am grateful for your invitation to testify today about the vital work of the Federal Trade Commission and how we carefully budget the appropriations you provide in support of that work.

We last appeared before this Subcommittee about 15 months ago. I want to begin by acknowledging a small but essential set of new expenditures that arose in that time—the salaries of Commissioner Holyoak and Commissioner Ferguson

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