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Secretary
Federal Trade Commission

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Room H-159
600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20580

Subject: Advisory Commission on Online Access and Security - Nomination, P004807

Dear Secretary,

The purpose of this letter is to nominate myself to the Federal Trade Commission Advisory Commission on Online Access and Security. I believe I would add great value to the committee, as I have been following the privacy issue for over two decades. Since 1981 I have served as Editor/Publisher of the Privacy Times, a biweekly newsletter in Washington that reports on privacy and freedom of information law. My newsletter is supported by subscriptions. I feel I am particularly suited to provide an unbiased point of view on all privacy issues. As a member of the commission I would serve to represent the interests of America's consumers. It has always been my goal to ensure that consumers' personal information is protected, and that their individual rights are not violated. I would continue to serve this purpose as a member of your commission.

The issues of online access and security are particularly important, issues to which I have devoted considerable attention over the years. First, I believe that it is vital that we take advantage of technology to improve consumers' access to their own data. Providing online, or even real-time, access, is vital, for instance, to combating identity theft. Secondly, online security must take into account human factors, like information brokers, a subject about which I have previously testified before Congress, and, consulted with the FTC when it was formulating rules under COPPA.

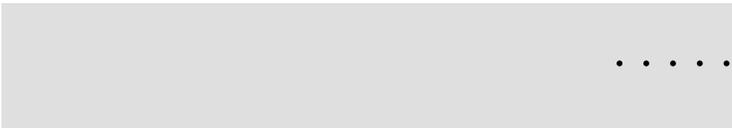
I have authored the book, Your Right To Privacy (1990 - Southern Illinois University Press) and Former Secrets, a 1982 compilation of 500 Examples of significant disclosures to the Public under the FOIA. From 1977-80, I was Editor of Access Reports, also a newsletter on FOIA/Privacy. I am a graduate of Columbia University, and I regularly lecture on information policy issues in the United States, Canada and Europe. Some of my recent lectures and expert presentations include Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Brookings Institution, the 16th Annual Conference on Data Protection in The Hague, The Netherlands, and Reed College Lecture Series on Privacy and Censorship. I have been interviewed on various FOIA and privacy issues by nearly all major media outlets.

I have done contract research for the Office of the Canadian Privacy Commissioner and the Australian Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission, as they needed a survey of American experiences in the course of formulating their national policies. I have served as an expert witness in several cases involving the FCRA.

Please consider my nomination for a position on the Federal Trade Commission Advisory Commission on Online Access and Security. I believe I would be a valuable resource and active member of the group.

Sincerely,

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