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The Honorable Donald S. Clark  
Secretary, Federal Trade Commission  
Room H-159  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20580

Re: Advisory Committee on on-line Access and Security – Nomination, P004807  
Nomination of Jeffrey B. Ritter

Dear Mr. Clark:

During the last three years I have been closely involved in the establishment and expansion of the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council ("NECCC"), a coalition of state government officials and private sector representatives endeavoring to foster the improved use of electronic commerce in government services. In that work, it has been my pleasure to get to know Mr. Jeffrey B. Ritter and to become familiar with his work in advancing electronic commerce law reform. I recently learned that he has been nominated to serve on the Advisory Committee on On-line Access and Security and I am writing to second that nomination for your consideration.

In addition to the credentials and perspectives outlined in the nomination you received from Professor Amelia H. Boss regarding Mr. Ritter, I would like to bring to your attention his direct and substantial experience in working on electronic commerce issues affecting state governments. As one of the first private sector participants in the formulation of the activities of the NECCC, Mr. Ritter contributed significant time and energy to fostering the education of public sector officials regarding the difficult policy and technology decisions they must make in advancing electronic government services. At the same time, he has developed a comprehensive understanding of the challenging

policy collisions between the broad public access principles that relate to public records and the importance of protecting the privacy of our citizens in the emerging information society. For example, his recent address at the Intergovernmental Technology Conference in December, at which he advocated for the activism of government officials in protecting the privacy expectations of citizens, catalyzed many state government officials to be more sensitive to the issues of privacy. Indeed, Mr. Ritter has been an important resource in fostering improved discussions between NECCC and the Administration on improved state/federal privacy policy coordination.

I wish to strongly endorse his selection for service on the Advisory Committee. Jeffrey consistently advocates for achieving the right solution, with the competent balancing of public sector and private sector interest. I believe his service would provide an invaluable dimension of competency to the execution of the charter of the Advisory Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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