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Dear Ms. Mazzarella:

It is with great pleasure that I take the opportunity to recommend James E. Tierney to serve on the proposed Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security at the Federal Trade Commission. I have known Jim for many years and can attest to his stellar qualifications for serving in this capacity.

I first met Jim during my eight-year tenure as New Mexico's attorney general, which commenced in 1990. He had just completed ten years of service as the attorney general of Maine, and I was greatly impressed by the width and depth of his legal knowledge, experience and wisdom. This was particularly evident in the following areas: consumer, environmental and antitrust law; grand jury practice; state regulatory structures; and the powers of state attorneys general. Jim is highly respected for his expertise in these areas, has recognized strengths in many others, and has worked extensively and successfully as a lecturer and consultant, both nationally and internationally. He has assisted a number of state attorneys general offices with organizational self-assessments, including their uses of computer and online resources. Most importantly, he is extremely adept in the fields of federal regulation and litigation involving the internet, as well as attendant enforcement issues and policies, and has advised attorneys general, companies and others regarding these issues.

In addition, Jim is thoroughly seasoned and skilled in legislative matters, both at the state and national levels. He served in the very prestigious position of Majority Leader for Maine's House of Representatives during two terms and has testified extensively before congressional committees on a wide range of issues. His unique ability to quickly, comprehensively and effectively understand the impact of both state and federal legislative and regulatory processes would place him far above the field in terms of the qualifications necessary for a position on the Advisory Committee.

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Again, I enthusiastically recommend James E. Tierney as a member of the proposed Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security at the Federal Trade Commission. I would appreciate his serious consideration as is allowed under your rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Udall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tom Udall  
Member of Congress