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### Speakers' Biographies

**The Honorable Maureen K. Ohlhausen** is a Commissioner with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). She was sworn in on April 4, 2012, to a term that expires in September 2018. Prior to joining the Commission, Commissioner Ohlhausen was a partner at the law firm Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, where she focused on FTC issues, including privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity. She previously served at the Commission for 11 years, most recently as Director of the Office of Policy Planning from 2004 to 2008, where she led the FTC's Internet Access Task Force. Commissioner Ohlhausen was also Deputy Director of that office.

**John B. Morris, Jr.** is the Associate Administrator and Director of Internet Policy at the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, which is the principal adviser to the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. The office he heads handles a broad range of Internet and telecommunications policy issues, including implementation of the Obama Administration's Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights. Before joining NTIA in 2011, Mr. Morris was the General Counsel of the Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT) and the Director of CDT's Internet Standards, Technology and Policy Project. Prior to joining CDT, he was a partner with the law firm Jenner & Block LLP.

**Katherine Armstrong** is Counsel in the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm Hogan Lovells LLP. She joined the firm after a 30-year career at the FTC. Her wide-ranging FTC experience includes work on the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Section 5 of the FTC Act, and privacy issues. As a senior attorney in the Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, she led investigations, settled law enforcement actions, and worked on rulemakings and other policy matters. Ms. Armstrong was also legal advisor to former FTC Chairman Janet Steiger and other Commissioners, advising them on legal and policy issues associated with all consumer-protection matters.

**Adam Thierer** is a Senior Research Fellow with the Technology Policy Program at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. He specializes in technology, media, Internet, and free-speech policies, with a particular focus on online safety and digital privacy. His writings have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Economist*, the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic*, and *Forbes*, and he has appeared on national television and radio. Mr. Thierer is a frequent guest lecturer and has testified numerous times on Capitol Hill. His latest book is *Permissionless Innovation: The Continuing Case for Comprehensive Technological Freedom*.

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