

PRESS RELEASE

**Consumer Advocates to Discuss The FTC Consent Order,
Facebook, and Privacy**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Fund for Constitutional Government
Capitol Hill**

- WHAT:** The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) hosts a press conference on Capitol Hill with consumer advocates to discuss the FTC Consent Order, Facebook, and Privacy
- WHEN:** 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- WHERE:** Fund for Constitutional Government, 122 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, DC (across the street from the US Supreme Court)
- BACKGROUND:** In 2011, the Federal Trade Commission issued a sweeping consent order against Facebook. The FTC Chairman said at the time, "Facebook is obligated to keep the promises about privacy that it makes to its hundreds of millions of users. Facebook's innovation does not have to come at the expense of consumer privacy. The FTC action will ensure it will not." But eight (8) years have passed and the Commission has not taken a single enforcement action against Facebook. Not one.
- Consumer groups have organized a campaign -- #EnforceTheOrder – to urge action by the FTC. The Capitol Hill press conference on March 19 will be followed by two days of protest in front of the Federal Trade Commission on March 25-26.
- KEY TERMS:** EPIC, Facebook, privacy, consent order, Federal Trade Commission, FTC
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