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Bureau of Consumer Protection Division of Marketing Practices

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Via Email and Mail

Hostinger, UAB domains@hostinger.com abuse@hostinger.com

Re: Impersonation of the Federal Trade Commission and Unauthorized Use of Its Logo by Domains Registered by Hostinger

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to inform you that one or more domains registered by Hostinger appear to be perpetrating an imposter scam that utilizes the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) logo without authorization and implies a false affiliation with the FTC.

Please see attached screenshots that show that federaltradecommission.org is purporting to be "An Official Website of the United States Government." The website also shows a replica of the FTC's logo in the upper left corner.

The FTC is not affiliated with the entities or individuals operating this website. Please be advised that it is a violation of the Rule on Impersonation of Government and Businesses, 16 C.F.R. § 461, to "materially and falsely pose as, directly or by implication, a government entity or officer."

We expect to hear from Hostinger regarding this urgent consumer protection matter promptly. Please direct any questions, and a copy of your response, to Virginia Rosa, vrosa@ftc.gov, 202-326-3068.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Lois C. Greisman</u> Lois C. Greisman

