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The Consumer Federation of America is an association of non-profit consumer organizations established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. Today, over 250 of these groups participate in the Federation working to protect consumers on the national, state, and local level.

We welcome you to the 53rd annual gathering of the Assembly and look forward to your active participation in this event.

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CFA's 53rd Annual Consumer Assembly 2019

May 9 & 10, 2019

Welcome to CFA's 53rd Annual Consumer Assembly

**Thursday and Friday
May 9 and 10, 2019**

**Embassy Suites Hotel
900 10th Street NW**

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Wifi Information:

Network: Hilton Honors Meeting
Password: CFA2019

10:30am Autonomous Vehicles: Are They Road Worthy or Road Hazards?

Moderator

David Friedman, Vice President, Advocacy
Consumer Reports

Panelists

Jackie Gillan, President Emeritus
Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
@SafeRoadsNow

Miriam Chaum, Head of Public Policy, Self-Driving Cars
Uber
@Uber @UberATG

Hilary Cain, Director of Technology and Innovation
Policy
Toyota
@ToyotaPolicy @HilaryCainDC

Andy York, Executive Director, Federal Affairs
General Motors Corporation
@GM

Jason Levine, Executive Director
Center for Auto Safety
@Ctr4AutoSafety

11:30am Keynote

Introduction

Rachel Weintraub, Legislative Director and General Counsel
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Speaker

Norm Ornstein, Resident Scholar and Author
American Enterprise Institute
Co-Author, *One Nation After Trump: A Guide for the Perplexed, the Disillusioned, the Desperate, and the Not-Yet Departed*
@AEI @NormOrnstein

12:00pm Adjournment

GENERAL SESSIONS (*Capital C/D*)

9:00am **Keynote**

Introduction

Micah Hauptman, Financial Services Counsel
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Speaker

Simon Johnson, Ronald A. Kurtz Professor of
Entrepreneurship
MIT Sloan School of Management
Coauthor, *Jump-Starting America: How Breakthrough
Science Can Revive Economic Growth and the American
Dream*
@baselinescene

9:30am **Has Corporate Concentration Undermined a Fair Marketplace?**

Moderator

Rob Weissman, President
Public Citizen
@Public_Citizen

Panelists

Mark Cooper, Senior Fellow
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Charlotte Slaiman, Policy Counsel
Public Knowledge
@CharlottesWWWeb

George Slover, Senior Policy Counsel
Consumer Reports
@ConsumerReports

Sandeep Vaheesan, Legal Director
Open Markets Institute
@openmarkets

Thursday May 9

7:30am **Registration and Coffee (*Capital C/D Foyer*)**

GENERAL SESSIONS (*Capital C/D*)

8:25am **Welcome & Introduction**

Jack Gillis, Executive Director
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerJackG

8:30am **Keynote**

Speaker

Congresswoman Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
@RepSpeier

9:00am **Keynote: Throwing the Book at Corporate America: New Uses for my Scholarship**

Introduction

Chris Peterson, Director of Financial Services and Senior
Fellow
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Speaker

Congresswoman Katie Porter
U.S. House of Representatives
@RepKatiePorter

9:30am **What the Political Landscape Means for Consumers**

Introduction

Barbara Roper, Director of Investor Protection
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Panelists

Rich Galen, Columnist & Republican Strategist
Mullings
@richgalen

Mike McCurry, Distinguished Professor of Public
Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary
Of Counsel, Public Strategies Washington, Inc.
@PSW_INC_DC

10:30am Are We Ready for Artificial Intelligence?

Moderator

Larry Medsker, Research Professor, Human-Technology
Collaboration Program
The George Washington University
@gwuhtc

Panelists

Pam Dixon, Executive Director
World Privacy Forum
@privacyforum

Michael Garris, Senior Scientist, Chair NIST AI
Community of Interest
National Institute of Standards and Technology
@usnistgov

Lorraine Kisselburgh, CERIAS Fellow
Purdue University
@lkisselburgh

Francella Ochillo, Vice President of Policy & General
Counsel
National Hispanic Media Coalition
@FranOchillo

Frank Torres, Director of Consumer Affairs
Microsoft
@Microsoft @franktorres012

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**11:30am Collecting Debts in the Digital Era: Old Problems and
New Technology (Capital A)**

Moderator

Chris Peterson, Director of Financial Services and Senior
Fellow
Consumer Federation of America
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Panelists

Carolyn E. Coffey, Director of Litigation for Economic
Justice
Mobilization for Justice
@MFJLegal

**4:30pm Keynote: The Principles of Successful Advocacy
Introduction**

Jack Gillis, Executive Director
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerJackG

Speaker

Joan Claybrook, President Emeritus, Public Citizen
Former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
@JoanClaybrook

5:00pm Reception at Finn & Porter Restaurant

Friday May 10

7:00am Registration (Capital C/D Foyer)

**8:00am Breakfast Dialogue: A Tale of Two Food Economies
(Capital B)**

Moderator

Thomas Gremillion, Director of Food Policy
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Panelists

LaQuita Honeysucker, Legislative Director
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
@UFCW

Julia McCarthy, Senior Policy Associate
Center for Science in the Public Interest
@CSPI

Doug O'Brien, President and CEO
National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA
International
@NCBACLUSA

Ellen Teller, Director of Government Affairs
Food Research & Action Center
@fractweets

Panelists (cont'd)

Randy Cooper, Vice President, Technical Operations & Standards
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
@AHAM_Voice

Dr. Andrea M. Matwyshyn, Professor of Law/ Professor of Computer Science
Co-director, Center for Law, Innovation, and Creativity
Northeastern University
@Northeastern

Ari Schwartz, Managing Director of Cybersecurity Services
Venable, LLP
@VenableLLP

3:15pm Break

GENERAL SESSIONS (Capital C/D)

3:30pm Navigating a Post-Factual World

Moderator

Sudeep Reddy, Managing Editor
Politico
@politico

Panelists

Ceren Budak, Assistant Professor of Information, School of Information, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering
University of Michigan
@umsi

Lee Rainie, Director, Internet and Technology Research
Pew Research Center
@pewresearch

Tom Rosenstiel, Executive Director
American Press Institute
@AMPress

Katie Sanders, Managing Editor
PolitiFact
@PolitiFact

Peter Downing, Assistant Attorney General
Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
@MassAGO

April Kuehnhoff, Staff Attorney
National Consumer Law Center
@NCLC4consumers

11:30am Is the Price Right? (Capital B)

Moderator

Susan Grant, Director of Consumer Protection and Privacy
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Panelists

Tamala T. Boyd, General Counsel
N.Y.C. Department of Consumer Affairs
@nycdca

John Breyault, Vice President, Public Policy, Telecommunications, and Fraud
National Consumers League
@ncl_tweets @jammingecono

Edgar Dworsky, Founder
Consumer World
@consumerworld

Anna Laitin, Director, Financial Policy
Consumer Reports
@ConsumerReports

11:30am Real Estate Agents: Ensuring Consumer Access to Information About Representation, Quality, and Price (Washingtonian Room)

Moderator

Steve Brobeck, Senior Fellow
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerFed

Panelists

TG Gallaudet, Senior Director of Broker Relations
Zillow
@zillow

Ralph Holmen, former Associate General Counsel
National Association of Realtors®
@nardotrealtor

Joshua Hunt, Founder
Trelora
@TRELORA

12:45pm Luncheon (Capital C/D)

1:20pm A Conversation with Leading Consumer Reporters

Introduction

Jack Gillis, Executive Director
Consumer Federation of America
@ConsumerJackG

Speakers

Susan Hogan, Consumer Reporter
NBC4 Washington
@susanhogantv

Herb Weisbaum, Consumer Reporter
NBC News
@TheConsumerman

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:00pm The Challenge of the Credit Invisibles (Capital A)

Moderator

Chris Peterson, Director of Financial Services and
Senior Fellow
Consumer Federation of America
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Panelists

Lisa Rice, President and CEO
National Fair Housing Alliance
@natfairhouse @ItsLisaRice

Joanne Gaskin, Vice President, Scores and Analytics
FICO
@FICO

Emre Sahingur, SVP, Predictive Analytics, Research and
Product Management
VantageScore Solutions LLC
@VantageScore

2:00pm Reining in Excessive Prescription Drug Prices (Capital B)

Moderator

Justin Mendoza, State Partnerships Manager
Families USA
@FamiliesUSA @JustinDMendoza

Panelists

David Balto, Attorney
David A. Balto Law Offices
Former Policy Director, U.S. Federal Trade Commission

Lisa Gill, Health & Medicine Investigative Reporter
Consumer Reports
@ConsumerReports

Dr. Jack Hoadley, Research Professor Emeritus
Georgetown University, Health Policy Institute
@McCourtSchool

Catherine Kirk Robins, Deputy Director
Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative
@HealthyMaryland

2:00pm Protecting Safety in the Internet of Things (Washingtonian Room)

Moderator

Rachel Weintraub, Legislative Director and General
Counsel
Consumer Federation of America
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Panelists

Patty Adair, Director of the Risk Management Group
US Consumer Product Safety Commission
@USCPSC