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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

# April 6, 1976

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Federal Trade Commission, fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter supplemental appropriations and an amendment to 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. The requests are in these amounts: \$130,000 for fiscal year 1976, \$122,000 for the transition quarter, and \$240,000 for fiscal year 1977.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

Heveld R. Ford

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 6, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration three budget proposals for the Federal Trade Commission. Supplemental appropriations are proposed in the amount of \$130,000 for fiscal year 1976 and in the amount of \$122,000 for the transition quarter. The proposed amendment to the request for fiscal year 1977 appropriations is in the amount of \$240,000. Details of these proposals are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these budget requests and I am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

James T. Lynn Director

Enclosure

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#### OTHER INDEPENDENT OFFICES

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Salaries and Expenses

(Proposed supplementals for 1976 and the transition quarter:)

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", \$130,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$122,000.

(Proposed 1977 amendment:)

Budget	Heading	1977	1977	1977
appendix		Request	Proposed	Revised
page		pending	amendment	request
736	Salaries and expenses	\$52,833,000	\$240,000	\$53,073,000

These requests would fund contract studies to explore consumer attitudes toward, and knowledge of, energy efficiency measures. They would also be used to provide staff and support services for rulemaking proceedings leading to the promulgation of trade regulation rules for the labeling of 13 types of home appliances with energy cost and consumption information. Finally, they would cover the costs of testing a sample of products subject to the labeling rules to determine whether information on the labels is accurate. The Federal Trade Commission was assigned these responsibilities by Public Law 94-163, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. This legislation was not enacted until December 22, 1975--too late to be included in the 1977 budget transmitted to the Congress on January 21, 1976.