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2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ENGAGEMENT

- **Meetings with senior staff** and Commissioner Bedoya's office.
- **Filed comments with the Federal Trade Commission** opposing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to prohibit most non-compete provisions.
- **FTC Chair Lina Khan answered questions on the Direct Selling Self-Regulatory Council** following a Congressional hearing.
- **Supported language in the 2024 Federal Trade Commission budget** that would prohibit the Commission from expending funds on the Earnings Claims and Business Opportunity Rule unless certain requirements were met.
- **Joined joint coalition comments opposing a proposed FTC rule** regarding negative options, which could increase the authority of the Commission across business practices.

DEFENDING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

- **During a hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Education and Workforce Committee**, Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) publicly supported legislation specifically defining direct sellers as independent contractors.
- **Sent a letter opposing the Protecting the Right to Organize Act**, which would have created a burdensome standard to classify direct sellers as independent contractors.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND IN THE STATES

- **Opposed and convinced the sponsor to withdraw a bill in New Jersey** that would have placed burdensome requirements on direct sellers.
- **Defeated legislation in Rhode Island** that would have imposed a \$50 fee on all independent contractors and require a disclosure document.