

Legislative/Governmental Affairs update

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Legislative Activity

117th Congress

- Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces (INFORM) for Consumers Act (S. 936)
 - Requires online marketplaces to collect, verify and disclose high-volume third party seller information
- Bill to enhance the authority of CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) to share information with respect to merchandise suspected of violating IP rights with rights holders (S. 1159)
- Endless Frontier Act (S. 1260)
 - Designate and support regional technology hubs in key areas that will spread innovation throughout the U.S.
 - Hearing held in the Senate Commerce Committee on April 14, 2021
 - Reported favorably out of Committee on May 12, 2021

Congressional Activity

117th Congress

- **Nomination of Mr. Don Graves to be Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce**
 - Hearing before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held on March 10, 2021
 - Reported favorably out of committee on April 28, 2021 (25-3)
 - Confirmed on May 13, 2021 (89-7)
- **Nomination of Ms. Leslie Kiernan to be General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce**
 - Hearing before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held on April 21, 2021
 - Reported favorably out of committee on May 12, 2021 (voice vote)
- **Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the Department of Commerce**
 - Hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies on May 6, 2021



Thank you!

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