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Sent Via Email

Tucows Domains Inc.
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*Re: Impersonation of the Federal Trade Commission by a Domain Registered by
Tucows Domains Inc. ("Tucows")*

Dear Tucows Domains Inc.:

I write to inform you that <https://ftb-gov.us> ("ftb-gov.us"), a website registered by Tucows, appears to impersonate the Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") name, logo, website design, and written content without authorization.

As shown in the attached screenshots, ftb-gov.us mimics the official Federal Trade Commission's website, ftc.gov. The upper lefthand corner of ftb-gov.us has the name "Federal Trade Bureau," a close analog of the Federal Trade Commission, and a replica of the FTC's seal, as well as a banner reading "An official website of the United States Government." [Ftb-gov.us](https://ftb-gov.us) also uses the same color scheme and website design as the official governmental website, and copies content from ftc.gov while inserting "FTB" in place of "FTC." For example, the FTC press release "Frank Romero Agrees to Court Order Requiring Payment to the FTC for Mail Order Rule Violations" becomes "Frank Romero Agrees to Court Order Requiring Payment to the *FTB* for Mail Order Rule Violations," and "the FTC enforces Made in the USA" becomes "the *FTB* enforces Made in the USA."

And just as the official FTC website allows consumers to report fraud, ftb-gov.us directs consumers to "Report to the *FTB*." Consumers who click this link, who may believe they are reporting fraud to the FTC, are directed to an imposter webform that collects consumers' personal information such as their email addresses and phone numbers. The webform also includes a box where consumers can describe their complaint, including the amount paid. The kind of information collected on this webform would allow malicious actors to re-scam unwitting consumers—for example, scammers can use the information the consumer provides about their complaint to legitimize the scammer's subsequent false claims, including that they're an FTC agent that can help recover money lost in the scam.

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

We hope to hear from you promptly regarding this important consumer protection matter. In that communication, we would appreciate it if you would please provide data or other information identifying any other webpages associated with ftb-gov.us. Please respond directly, and direct any questions, to Sara Tonnesen, stonnesen@ftc.gov or 202-326-2879.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lois C. Greisman
Lois C. Greisman



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Older Adults Losing Big to Investment Scams

A rising number of older adults are falling victim to investment scams and losing their life savings, according to FTB reports. Learn how to spot a few popular tactics that scammers use and how to avoid them.

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Take Action

 Report fraud

 Submit a public comment

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Report to FTB, if you have been targeted by cryptocurrency and investment scam, fraud, identity thefts and illegal business practices.

Report to the FTB

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Banned Debt Collectors

View a list of the companies and people permanently banned from the debt collection business in the U.S.



FTB 'Agents' Aren't Calling You

Scammers, claiming to be FTB "agents," have been contacting consumers to trick them into sending money. Find out how to avoid and report these scams.



Our Refund Process

Learn about our comprehensive refund process for victims of crypto and cheque fraud, including eligibility, investigation, and compensation steps.

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Consumer Alert

Business and government impersonators go after older adults’ life savings

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Business Blog

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Open Meetings

Track enforcement and policy developments by viewing records from the Commission’s open meetings — agendas, transcripts, videos, reports, and public comments.

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Data Visualizations

Use our visualizations to explore scam and fraud trends in your state based on reports from consumers like you.

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Looking for health insurance? Make sure that's what you're getting

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Quick Process

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Basic Information

Type of Scam

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When did this happen?

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Bob

Email Address

Bob@bob.com

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Thank You for Your Submission

We have successfully received your report/contact form and will review it shortly. Your submission

What Happens Next?



Review Process

Our team will review your submission within 2-3 business days and determine the appropriate course of action.



Follow-up

If we need additional information, we may contact you via email or phone using the information you provided.



Action Taken

Depending on the nature of your submission, we may investigate, take enforcement action, or provide guidance.

Important Information

For Fraud Reports

For Business Inquiries

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Important Information

For Fraud Reports

- We cannot resolve individual disputes or recover money
- Your report helps us identify patterns and take action
- Consider contacting your bank or credit card company
- Report identity theft at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov)

For Business Inquiries

- We'll respond to your question within 2-3 business days
- For urgent matters, call (877) 382-4357
- Check our [Business Guidance](#) for common questions
- Subscribe to updates for new guidance

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Consumer Resources

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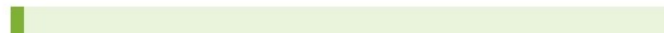
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