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In the midst of unending robocalls, news of big tech companies collecting, using and monetizing consumers' information, hackers and scammers, we forget that anyone is doing anything to protect our privacy.

Only somewhat comforting against that backdrop is the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) annual report on its privacy and security work, which was released last week. The [2018 Privacy and Data Security Update](#), outlines all of the enforcement actions the FTC concluded in 2018 as the federal watchdog for consumer privacy.

The FTC concluded enforcement actions against revenge porn website MyEx.com, settled with Venmo over alleged deceptive privacy settings, and also settled with Uber, BLU Products, Inc., RealPage, Inc., VTech Electronics Limited, and Explore Talent.

The FTC frequently issues Scam Alerts that are very helpful to consumers, and in particular, our seniors. I subscribe to the Scam Alerts just to make sure I don't miss any notices, and find them to be thoughtful and timely.

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