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Sent via Electronic Mail

Meta Platforms, Inc. c/o Ms. Jennifer Newstead Chief Legal Officer 1 Meta Way Menlo Park, California 94025 jnewstead@fb.com

Dear Ms. Newstead:

We, the 12 undersigned Attorneys General, write to express our serious concerns over recent allegations regarding Meta's actions following the October 7, 2023, massacre and terrorist attack in Israel. During that massacre, many videos emerged across social media platforms depicting horrendous and violent atrocities. We ask that you provide additional information described below regarding Meta's actions (or inaction) following the attack.

Shortly before this year's October 7 anniversary, victims <u>sued Meta</u>, alleging in part that Meta enabled the distribution of video footage of the atrocities of October 7 and otherwise failed to act by removing such video footage. The complaint alleges that Meta knowingly enabled the distribution of live and recorded footage of murders, abductions, and other atrocities committed on October 7, transforming Facebook and Instagram into "an integral part of the terrorist attack on Israel." In one of the more disturbing allegations in the complaint, the granddaughter of a victim "<u>found the unthinkable</u>" on a Meta social media platform: "a video posted to her grandmother's own Facebook profile, uploaded by Hamas terrorists, documenting [her grandmother's] brutal murder in real time. It is difficult to imagine a more horrific use of social media, and it is deeply troubling if any of Meta's platforms were complacent in failing to take down those videos in a timely manner.

Contrast the October 7 victims' experience with Meta proudly touting its commitment to remove violent materials from its platforms. Meta's "Transparency Center" purports to apply various

"[u]niversal protections for everyone," including protection from "depictions of kidnappings or abduction" and protection from depictions of "high-severity or mid-severity violence."

If the plaintiff-victims' allegations are true, it is hard to see how Meta has met its own standards. Given the seriousness of the allegations raised in the lawsuit, and in the interest of protecting our own citizens, we ask that you provide us with the following information:

- 1. Meta's latest policy on depictions of violence and incitement and any other policies relevant to depictions of violence or terrorism.
- 2. A description of any remedial efforts Meta has made after the October 7 attack or in response to the plaintiff-victims' lawsuit.
- 3. Any other steps Meta has taken to prevent illegal violence from being displayed on Meta's platforms.

We ask for your response by November 10, 2025.

Sincerely,

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