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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TWITTER, INC.

Plaintiff,

v.

KEN PAXTON,
in his official capacity as Attorney General of Texas,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:21-CV-01644

BRIEF OF THE REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION, MEDIA LAW RESOURCE CENTER, INC., AND PEN AMERICA AS AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF

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