

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION

MUSLIM ADVOCATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARK ZUCKERBERG, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No: 2021 CA 001114 B

Judge: Anthony C. Epstein

**CONSENT MOTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR LEAVE TO
FILE A BRIEF AS AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF**

The District of Columbia moves for leave to file the attached brief as amicus curiae in support of plaintiff's opposition to defendants' motions to dismiss. This motion describes the District's interest in this case and discusses why this Court may benefit from hearing its views. Counsel for the defendants consent to this motion.

The District has a paramount interest in protecting its residents from unfair and deceptive trade practices. Pursuant to its authority to enforce the Consumer Protection Procedures Act ("CPPA"), D.C. Code § 28-3901 *et seq.*, the Office of the Attorney General has consistently sought to stop corporations from misleading District consumers about their goods and services. *See id.* § 28-3909(a). The Attorney General is also charged with representing consumers before administrative agencies and legislative bodies, with conducting consumer education programs, and with performing other duties necessary to protect the welfare of consumers. *See id.* § 28-3909(c)(1), (3), (5). Each of these efforts embrace the notion that consumers are entitled to truthful information about the goods and services they use and the risks associated with them.

The perspective of the District can help this Court resolve the important issues raised by this case. First, the District can offer the benefit of experience in interpreting the CPPA and in protecting District consumers from unfair and deceptive trade practices. Second, the District can highlight the consequences of immunizing defendants from District consumer protection law, including for future efforts to regulate similar technology companies.

For the foregoing reasons, the District requests leave to participate as amicus curiae in support of the plaintiff in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the District of Columbia's Consent Motion for Leave to File a Brief as Amicus Curiae in Support of Plaintiff, the parties' consent, and for good cause shown, it is on this _____ day of December, 2021,

ORDERED that the motion is **GRANTED**; and

FUTHER ORDERED that the District's Brief as Amicus Curiae in Support of Plaintiff is accepted for filing.

SO ORDERED.

Judge Anthony C. Epstein
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

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