No. 21-1496

In the
Supreme Court of the United States
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TWITTER, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

MEHIER TAAMNEH, et al.,

Respondents.

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On Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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BRIEF FOR RESPONDENTS FACEBOOK, INC. AND GOOGLE LLC SUPPORTING PETITIONER

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Under §2333 of the Anti-Terrorism Act, as amended by the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, U.S. nationals injured by "an act of international terrorism" that is "committed, planned, or authorized by" a designated foreign terrorist organization may sue any person who "aids and abets, by knowingly providing substantial assistance, or who conspires with the person who committed such an act of international terrorism," and recover treble damages. 18 U.S.C. §2333(a), (d)(2).

The questions presented are:

1. Whether a defendant that provides generic, widely available services to all its numerous users and "regularly" works to detect and prevent terrorists from using those services "knowingly" provided substantial assistance under §2333 merely because it allegedly could have taken more "meaningful" or "aggressive" action to prevent such use.

2. Whether a defendant whose generic, widely available services were not used in connection with the specific "act of international terrorism" that injured the plaintiff may be liable for aiding and abetting under §2333.

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING

Petitioner Twitter, Inc. was a defendant in the district court and an appellee before the court of appeals.

Respondents Facebook, Inc. (now known as Meta Platforms, Inc.) and Google LLC also were defendants in the district court and appellees before the court of appeals.

Respondents Mehier Taamneh, Lawrence Taamneh, Sara Taamneh, and Dimana Taamneh were plaintiffs in the district court and appellants before the court of appeals.

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Meta Platforms, Inc. is a publicly traded corporation; it has no parent corporation and no publicly traded corporation owns 10% or more of its stock.

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