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 PETITIONER

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Under Section 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 Section 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 Section 2333.

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING

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

Respondents Facebook, Inc. (now known as Meta Platforms, Inc.) and Google LLC were also defendants in the district court and appellees in the court of appeals. Pursuant to this Court's Rule 12.6, Google LLC and Facebook, Inc. filed letters at the certiorari stage indicating that they support Petitioner.

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

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Twitter, Inc. is a privately held company, and its parent corporation is X Holdings I, Inc. No publicly held corporation owns 10 percent or more of Twitter, Inc.

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