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STATE OF NEW YORK, et al., Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

FACEBOOK, INC., Defendant-Appellee,

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, No. 1:20-cv-03589 The Honorable James E. Boasberg

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A. Parties and Amici

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The defendant-appellee is Facebook, Inc. In October 2021, Facebook, Inc. changed its name to Meta Platforms, Inc.; however, the caption in this case has not been changed.



The parties and caption in this Court are the same as in the district court.

In this Court, the United States appears as amicus curiae supporting plaintiffs-appellants. The Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws, Economists (Daron Acemoglu, Cristina Caffarra, Gregory S. Crawford, Tomaso Duso, Florian Ederer, Massimo Motta, Martin Peitz, Thomas Philippon, Nancy L. Rose, Robert Seamans, Hal Singer, Marshall Steinbaum, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Ted Tatos, Tommaso Valletti, Luigi Zinga), and Former State Antitrust Enforcement Officials and Antitrust Law Professors (Lloyd Constantine, Harry First, Aaron Edlin, Andrew Chin, Andrew I. Gavil, Andrew Rossner, Anne Schneider, Barak Richman, Barak Y. Orbach, Charles G. Brown, Christopher L. Sagers, Dan Drachler, Darren Bush, Don Allen Resnikoff, Edward Cavanagh, Eleanor Fox, Ellen Cooper, George Sampson, James Tierney, Jeffrey L Harrison, John B. Kirkwood, Joshua P. Davis, Kevin J. O'Connor, Marina Lao, Maurice Eitel Stucke, Norman W. Hawker, Pamela Jones Harbour, Paul F. Novak, Peter Carstensen, Rebecca Haw Allensworth, Robert Abrams, Robert H. Lande, Samuel N. Weinstein, Steven M. Rutstein, Susan Beth Farmer, Tam Ormiston, Thomas Greaney, Thomas J. Horton, and Warren Grimes) all appear as amicus curiae, also supporting plaintiffs-appellants.



B. Rulings Under Review

References to the rulings at issue appear in the Brief for Plaintiffs-Appellants.

C. Related Cases

A list of related cases appears in the Brief for Plaintiffs-Appellants.



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