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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Mark Zuckerberg
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 Meta Platforms, Inc.

Dear Mr. Zuckerberg:

On April 14, 2025, Chairman Grassley sent a letter to Meta with respect to reported efforts to silence whistleblower Ms. Sarah Wynn-Williams.¹ In that letter, he requested information regarding the number of requests Meta and its subsidiaries received by employees to disclose information to federal authorities and Congress, as well as information about how many Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigations Meta and its subsidiaries have been subject to.² Further, on April 16, 2025, Chairman Grassley wrote to Meta outlining whistleblower allegations that Meta used targeted ads towards teenagers based on their emotional state.³ In that letter, he requested information, documents, and communications regarding Meta's use of targeted ads towards children on its platform.⁴ To date, Meta has failed to fully and completely respond to Chairman Grassley's questions and document requests.

Moreover, on September 2, 2025, we sent a letter to Meta regarding its failure to protect teens on its Horizon Worlds platform from bullying, sexual harassment, and inappropriate interactions with adults.⁵ In that letter, we asked that Meta provide full and complete responses to Chairman Grassley's April 16, 2025, letter, provide information about the steps the company has taken to comply with the *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act* (COPPA), and provide details on what safeguards Meta has in place to protect children using its Horizon Worlds platform.⁶ Further, we wrote to Meta again on September 10, 2025, concerning whistleblower allegations that Meta allegedly met with officials from the Cyber Administration of China (CAC) and raised questions regarding Project Aldrin, which was a "version of [Facebook] that complies with China's content laws."⁷ The letter also outlined whistleblower allegations that Meta's subsidiary, WhatsApp, failed to protect user data, potentially violating the 2020 FTC consent order.⁸ Finally, on September 16, 2025, we, along with seven of our colleagues, wrote to Meta concerning whistleblower allegations that Meta willfully misrepresented the mental health risks, sexual exploitation issues, underage use, and other abuses against young people that are rampant

¹ Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, to Mark Zuckerberg, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meta Platforms, Inc., (April 14, 2025), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-04-14_grassley_to_meta_-_wb_retaliation.pdf.

² *Id.*

³ Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, to Mark Zuckerberg, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meta Platforms, Inc., (April 16, 2025), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_to_meta_-_targeting-teens.pdf.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, to Mark Zuckerberg, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meta Platforms, Inc. (Sep. 2, 2025), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_et_al_tometatargetedteenshorizon.pdf.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, et. al., to Mark Zuckerberg, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meta Platforms, Inc. (Sep. 10, 2025), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_blackburn_hawley_to_meta_-_data_privacy.pdf.

⁸ *Id.*

on its platforms.⁹ To date, Meta has failed to fully and completely answer and provide responsive documents to our oversight requests.

More recently, according to reports and court filings, it appears that Meta has allegedly “[d]ownplayed [r]isks to [c]hildren and [m]isled the [p]ublic.”¹⁰ For instance, according to reports and court documents, Meta “had a high threshold for ‘sex trafficking’ content.”¹¹ Specifically, according to court briefs, the company allegedly had “a ‘17x’ strike policy for accounts engaged in the ‘trafficking of humans for sex,’” meaning that it appears that a user on Meta’s platforms could engage in sex trafficking behavior at least 16 times before being removed from its platform.¹² Allegations also state that Meta lied to Congress; specifically, according to court filings, “Meta [] lied to Congress about its goals—claiming, falsely, that it has not set out to increase the time users spend on its platforms.”¹³ Further, reporting alleges that, according to court filings, Meta was aware that their subsidiary Instagram allowed adult strangers to interact with teenagers on the platform.¹⁴ Specifically, “[i]n the fall of 2019, Meta designed a research plan acknowledging that its existing ‘privacy’ setting on Instagram was, at best, a misnomer—that ‘private’ accounts could receive a heavy volume of unwanted interactions from strangers...”¹⁵ Reporting indicates that this allegedly led to interactions between adults and kids on Instagram to occur “38 times” higher than it did on Facebook Messenger.¹⁶ If this information isn’t accurate, please explain in detail.

⁹ Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, et. al., to Mark Zuckerberg, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Meta Platforms, Inc. (Sep. 16, 2025), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/whistleblowers.pdf>.

¹⁰ Charlotte Alter, *Court Filings Allege Meta Downplayed Risks to Children and Misled the Public* (Nov. 22, 2025), TIME, <https://time.com/7336204/meta-lawsuit-files-child-safety/>; Brief for Opposition to Defendant Mot. For Summ. J., *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (PHK) (N.D.C.A. filed Nov. 21, 2025), https://www.lieffcabraser.com/pdf/2025-11-21-Brief-dckt-2480_0.pdf. (According to reports and court filing: “Meta had a high threshold for ‘sex trafficking’ content—and no way to report child sexual content; Meta ‘lied to Congress’ about its knowledge of harms on the platform; The company knew Instagram was letting adult strangers connect with teenagers; Meta aggressively targeted young users; Meta’s executives initially shelved efforts to make Instagram less toxic for teens; Meta doesn’t automatically remove harmful content, including self-harm content; and Meta knew its products were addictive, but publicly downplayed the harms.”)

¹¹ Charlotte Alter, *Court Filings Allege Meta Downplayed Risks to Children and Misled the Public* (Nov. 22, 2025), TIME, <https://time.com/7336204/meta-lawsuit-files-child-safety/> (“Meta had a high threshold for ‘sex trafficking’ content—and no way to report child sexual content”); Brief for Opposition to Defendant Mot. For Summ. J., *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (PHK) (N.D.C.A. filed Nov. 21, 2025), https://www.lieffcabraser.com/pdf/2025-11-21-Brief-dckt-2480_0.pdf.

¹² Charlotte Alter, *Court Filings Allege Meta Downplayed Risks to Children and Misled the Public* (Nov. 22, 2025), TIME, <https://time.com/7336204/meta-lawsuit-files-child-safety/>; Brief for Opposition to Defendant Mot. For Summ. J., *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (PHK) (N.D.C.A. filed Nov. 21, 2025) p.73-74, https://www.lieffcabraser.com/pdf/2025-11-21-Brief-dckt-2480_0.pdf.

¹³ Charlotte Alter, *Court Filings Allege Meta Downplayed Risks to Children and Misled the Public* (Nov. 22, 2025), TIME, <https://time.com/7336204/meta-lawsuit-files-child-safety/> (According to Alter: “In late 2019, according to the brief, Meta designed a ‘deactivation study,’ which found that users who stopped using Facebook and Instagram for a week showed lower rates of anxiety, depression, and loneliness.” However, “in December 2020, when the Senate Judiciary Committee asked the company in a set of written questions whether it was “able to determine whether increased use of its platform among teenage girls has any correlation with ‘increased signs of depression’ and ‘increased signs of anxiety,’ the company offered only a one-word answer: ‘No.’”); Brief for Opposition to Defendant Mot. For Summ. J., *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (PHK) (N.D.C.A. filed Nov. 21, 2025) p.80, https://www.lieffcabraser.com/pdf/2025-11-21-Brief-dckt-2480_0.pdf.

¹⁴ Charlotte Alter, *Court Filings Allege Meta Downplayed Risks to Children and Misled the Public* (Nov. 22, 2025), TIME, <https://time.com/7336204/meta-lawsuit-files-child-safety/>; Brief for Opposition to Defendant Mot. For Summ. J., *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (PHK) (N.D.C.A. filed Nov. 21, 2025), https://www.lieffcabraser.com/pdf/2025-11-21-Brief-dckt-2480_0.pdf.

¹⁵ Brief for Opposition to Defendant Mot. For Summ. J., *In re Social Media Adolescent Addiction/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation*, No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR (PHK) (N.D.C.A. filed Nov. 21, 2025) p.66, https://www.lieffcabraser.com/pdf/2025-11-21-Brief-dckt-2480_0.pdf.

¹⁶ Charlotte Alter, *Court Filings Allege Meta Downplayed Risks to Children and Misled the Public* (Nov. 22, 2025), TIME, <https://time.com/7336204/meta-lawsuit-files-child-safety/>.

Despite Meta failing to provide the requested information, our offices have obtained, through legally protected whistleblower disclosures, a list of document titles and descriptions that we believe would provide records responsive to our oversight requests.¹⁷ So that Congress may conduct objective and independent oversight of the aforementioned allegations, please provide answers to the following no later than March 25, 2026:

1. Provide full and complete responses, including all responsive records, to Chairman Grassley's April 14, 2025, and April 16, 2025, letters, as well our September 2, 2025, September 10, 2025, and September 16, 2025, letters.¹⁸
2. Provide copies of all records requested in the appendix. This includes records that either match or previously matched the file names listed in the appendix.
3. Are the allegations raised in the *Time* reporting and *In Re: Social Media Adolescent Addition/Personal Injury Products Liability Litigation* accurate? Please address each allegation and their accuracy, or lack thereof.

Thank you for your prompt review and response. If you have any questions, please contact Tucker Akin of Chairman Grassley's Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary



Marsha Blackburn
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Privacy,
Technology, and the Law



Josh Hawley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism

¹⁷ Disclosures on file with Committee staff.

¹⁸ "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether they resulted in final documents).