



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

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September 22, 2021

Jon Crump, Virginia Director  
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RE: MUR 7812

Dear Mr. Crump:

Enclosed is the Statement of Reasons from Commissioner Sean J. Cooksey explaining his vote in this matter. This document will be added to the public record in MUR 7812.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1577 or [nmueller@fec.gov](mailto:nmueller@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attorney

Enclosure  
Statement of Reasons




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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) MURs 7812, 7825 & 7869  
Facebook, Inc., *et al.* )  
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**STATEMENT OF REASONS OF  
COMMISSIONER SEAN J. COOKSEY**

For substantially the same reasons articulated in my Statement of Reasons in MURs 7821, 7827, and 7868 (Twitter, Inc.), I voted to find no reason to believe Facebook violated campaign-finance law in these matters, but did not support the Commission’s Factual & Legal Analysis.<sup>1</sup> I believe Facebook is a media entity, and therefore its decisions about the content and operation of its platform—regardless of political motivation—fall within the Commission’s media exemption. I would resolve the matters on that basis alone.

  
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Sean J. Cooksey  
Commissioner

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September 14, 2021  
Date

<sup>1</sup> Statement of Reasons of Commissioner Sean J. Cooksey (Sept. 13, 2021), MURs 7821, 7827 & 7868 (Twitter, Inc., *et al.*).