



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

## **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.

Sean J. Cooksey  
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Commissioner

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.*).