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The Honorable Robert Ferguson
Attorney General
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RE: Referral of PDC Cases 97961, 97964 & 97965—*complaints filed against Facebook, Inc.*

Dear Attorney General Ferguson:

This letter shall serve, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755 and WAC 390-37-042, as a referral of the above-cited matters from the PDC to your office for appropriate action under Chapter 42.17A RCW. My referral, in which Public Disclosure Commission Chair Fred Jarrett concurs, is based on PDC staff's initial assessment of complaints against Facebook received from Eli Sanders (PDC Cases 97961 & 97964) and Todd Sipe (PDC Case 97965). Copies of these complaints are attached.

Based on: staff's initial assessment of these complaints, which contain credible allegations that Facebook committed multiple apparent violations of RCW 42.17A; Facebook's compliance history; the apparent need for additional authority to ensure full compliance and/or for additional penalty authority; and the fact that the AGO has already filed a pending lawsuit against Facebook concerning closely related issues (King County Superior Court Case No. 20-2-07774-7 SEA), I am hereby referring this matter to your office pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755(4) and WAC 390-37-042(1)(b).

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-2735. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director

cc: Commissioners
Eli Sanders
Todd Sipe