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Mr. Zuckerberg:

I have recently been made aware of deeply troubling allegations regarding Meta's treatment of the whistleblower Sarah Wynn-Williams, Meta's former global head of public policy. Meta's efforts to destroy Ms. Wynn-Williams with lawfare are a matter of grave public concern.

As you know, approximately one year ago, at a hearing I chaired titled "A Time for Truth: Oversight of Meta's Foreign Relations and Representations to the United States Congress," Ms. Wynn-Williams raised serious questions about Meta's dealings with the Chinese government, the harms Meta's platforms pose to users, and Meta's representations to Congress.

She testified that Meta worked hand in glove with the Chinese Communist Party to construct and test custom-built censorship tools to silence and censor CCP critics. She testified that Meta helped China's development of its own AI models—models the Chinese military uses and that steal IP from Americans—in an effort to promote Meta's models. She testified that Meta's executives knew about the widespread harmful consequences of Meta's platforms years ago but hid them. And she testified that you and other executives lied to and misled Congress and the American people about these developments.

Ms. Wynn-Williams testified notwithstanding extraordinary pressure from Meta to silence her before the hearing. When she made her allegations public, Meta moved aggressively to gag her through a private arbitration. In March 2025, after a rushed hearing without proper notice and in which Ms. Wynn-Williams did not appear, Meta secured an arbitration order that broadly restrains Ms. Wynn-Williams from criticizing Meta and exposes her to severe financial penalties for merely speaking about Meta. *To this day, Meta continues to relentlessly pursue her in arbitration, attempting to bankrupt her and subjecting her and her family to constant stress.*

It is telling what your company has *not* done. Meta has not obtained any judgment that a single statement Ms. Wynn-Williams made is false. Instead, Meta's arbitration gag order relies on a contractual restraint without regard to the truth—indeed, the order restrains her from speaking even if what she says *is* true. Further, your company's public responses have been decidedly hedged: Ms. Wynn-Williams' account is "old news" and "Meta does not operate its services in China today."

The asymmetries here are stark. Meta need not ultimately prevail on the merits of the arbitration to achieve its objective because the *process* is the punishment; Meta simply needs to make truthful speech so perilous that no whistleblower like Ms. Wynn-Williams can ever afford it. That is lawfare. That is the use of litigation to suppress testimony that Congress has sought and that the public has a right to hear. The American people won't stand for it.

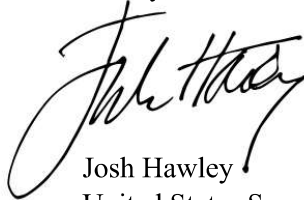
Congress cannot permit giant corporations like Meta to crush good people who blow the whistle on corporate wrongdoing. My Senate Judiciary Subcommittee is investigating the allegations that you, Meta, and Meta executives made false or misleading statements to Congress and whether any person has acted to obstruct the Subcommittee's inquiry into Meta's business ventures in China, its dealings with the Chinese Communist Party, and Meta's knowledge of the grave harms—including child sex abuse, addictiveness, and bullying—that emanate from its products.

Accordingly, please respond to the following requests by no later than August 14, 2026:

1. Meta's attorneys' fee statements in connection with the arbitration *Meta Platforms, Inc., v. Sarah Wynn-Williams*, No. 01-25-0001-2843 (Int. Centre for Dispute Resolution) (the "Arbitration"). You may coordinate with Subcommittee staff regarding appropriate redactions for confidentiality.
2. All documents Meta has submitted in the Arbitration or exchanged with Ms. Wynn-Williams in connection with the Arbitration, including the demand, sanctions motions, or discovery materials.
3. All documents and communications related to any effort by Meta, including its agents, employees, independent contractors, and the like, to monitor, track, record, or catalog Ms. Wynn-Williams' or her family members' public statements, interviews, social media activity, or public or private travel.
4. All documents concerning the calculation and derivation of Meta's financial demand alleged in the Arbitration, including what portion of Meta's alleged damages are for actual damages and what portion are intended to serve a punitive or exemplary effect, if any.
5. All documents and communications between Meta, including its agents, employees, independent contractors, and the like, and any third party concerning Ms. Wynn-Williams. For example, her book, testimony, or public statements, including any demand, threat, or request to suppress, withdraw, edit, retract, or limit the same.
6. Identify every current or former Meta employee or affiliate against whom Meta has initiated arbitration or litigation to enforce a non-disparagement or confidentiality provision in a contractual agreement since January 1, 2016.
7. If you dispute any factual assertions in Ms. Wynn-William's April 9, 2025 testimony before the Subcommittee, please explain in detail the basis for your disagreement.

I look forward to your prompt and complete response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Hawley", written in a cursive style.

Josh Hawley
United States Senator
Chairman
Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism