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Via Electronic Mail: [jnewstead@fb.com](mailto:jnewstead@fb.com)

Meta Platforms, Inc.  
c/o Ms. Jennifer Newstead  
Chief Legal Officer  
1 Meta Way  
Menlo Park, California 94025

Re: Public Name Search on Meta’s Social Media Platforms re: *Sonja Shaw*,  
President Chino Valley Unified School District

Dear Ms. Newstead:

Please be advised that Liberty Justice Center represents Sonja Shaw, President of the Chino Valley Unified School District.

It has recently come to Ms. Shaw’s attention that, when the public performed a search of her name on Instagram and Facebook—Meta-owned social media platforms—the following information was publicly displayed on both platforms:



Ms. Shaw understands that Meta has taken corrective action regarding its false statement that it published and has retracted and removed its public message targeting Ms. Shaw from its platforms. However, Ms. Shaw has further concerns.

First, Ms. Shaw hereby requests written assurance by 5:00 pm Pacific on Thursday, March 21, 2024, that Meta and its employees will never again target Ms. Shaw with another egregiously false statement. Meta's false message and speech implied to the public that Ms. Shaw herself has been associated with child sexual abuse, which of course is FALSE. Additionally, Ms. Shaw requests an explanation in writing as to how Meta decided to initially issue its false public statement associating and linking her with child sexual abuse, including any communication Meta may have received from any state or federal government officials about Ms. Shaw.

Second, Ms. Shaw is aware of a similar incident where Meta interfered in a political matter and published the same false message about politician Nick Wilson, State Assembly District 53 (whom we do not represent). Both Ms. Shaw and Mr. Wilson have been outspoken in advocating for parents' rights with respect to children's gender transitions. As chair of the Chino Valley Unified School District board, Ms. Shaw is defending against litigation on its behalf (which we represent) by the California Attorney General regarding the District's parental notification policies. Meta's false "sexual abuse" tagging appears as though it could be retaliation against Ms. Shaw and Mr. Wilson for taking political and legal stances with which Meta employees disagree. To the extent Meta and its employees are attempting to improperly interfere with ongoing litigation in California courts involving Ms. Shaw and the Chino Valley Unified School District, please be advised that Ms. Shaw intends to exhaust all available legal remedies available to her on her own behalf, as well as Chino Valley Unified School District's behalf.

Please direct all further communication involving Ms. Shaw and this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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