

In The

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

TWITTER, INC.,

Petitioner,

v

MEHIER TAAMNEH, et al.,

Respondents.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF IN EXCESS OF WORD LIMIT

TO THE HONORABLE ELENA KAGAN, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 33.1(d), Applicants Mehier Taamneh, *et al.*, request leave to file the brief for respondents in excess of the word limit in Rule 33.1(g)(vi).

1. This is an action brought by Applicants under the Anti-Terrorism Act. The three defendants are Twitter, Inc., Facebook, Inc., and Google LLC. In the courts below the defendants filed joint briefs. At the certiorari stage, however, only Twitter, Inc., sought review by this Court. The other two defendants submitted letters supporting Twitter's petition and urging this Court to grant review in this case if it were to grant review in *Gonzalez v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 21-1333. On October 3, 2022, this Court granted review in both the instant case and *Gonzalez*. Because defendants Facebook, Inc. and Google LLC did not join the petition, they are respondents.

2. At the merits stage in this Court, the defendants filed two full-length briefs, as they are permitted to do. Twitter, Inc., filed a Brief for Petitioner. Facebook, Inc., and Google LLC filed a separate brief of their own as Respondents supporting Petitioner. The combined length of those two separate party briefs is 25,034 words.

3. Because the Applicants are required to respond to two distinct party briefs whose combined length is approximately twice the length of a single brief, Applicants seek leave to file a brief totaling no more than 20,000 words. Where there are several party briefs on one side, whose combined length substantially exceeds the 13,000-word length for a single brief, this Court in the past has granted the opposing party leave to file a brief in excess of that word limit.

4. The brief for respondents is due on January 12, 2023. This application is submitted more than 15 days prior to that due date, as required in Rule 33.1(d).

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request leave to file a brief for respondents of no more than 20,000 words.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Eric Schnapper, a member of the bar of this Court, certify that on December 8, 2022, all parties required to be served were served copies of the foregoing via Express Mail at the addresses listed below:

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