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IN THE SUPREME COURT
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STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Respondent,

v.

META PLATFORMS, INC., formerly doing business as
FACEBOOK, INC.

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF AMICUS
CURIAE INSTITUTE FOR FREE SPEECH**

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The Institute for Free Speech (IFS) respectfully moves, under RAP 10.1(e) and 10.6, to file a brief as amicus curiae on the issue of whether the Fair Campaign Practices Act and implementing regulations violate the First Amendment.

I. IDENTITY AND INTEREST OF AMICUS

IFS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of the First Amendment rights of speech, assembly, petition, and press. Along with scholarly and educational work, IFS represents individuals and organizations in litigation securing their First Amendment liberties and regularly files amicus briefs in cases raising important First Amendment questions. IFS has an interest here because the decision of the Washington Court of Appeals undermines the core First Amendment rights of millions of Americans.

II. FAMILIARITY WITH ISSUES

IFS has obtained copies of, and is familiar with, the briefing submitted to this Court by the parties as well as other relevant portions of the record. IFS is also familiar with the scope

of the arguments presented by the parties and other amici and will not repeat those arguments. IFS has addressed the constitutional issues raised in this case in other, unrelated proceedings.

III. ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY AMICUS

Whether the Fair Campaign Practices Act and implementing regulations violate the First Amendment because they impose unjustifiable burdens on digital communications platforms and fail to further the State's purported interest in educating its electorate about political ad purchasers and their expenditures through narrowly tailored means.

IV. WHY AMICUS BRIEFING WILL ASSIST THE COURT

The impact of this case extends far beyond the parties to implicate the First Amendment rights of every Washington voter. As a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving First Amendment political speech rights, IFS is uniquely positioned to shed light on how the Fair Campaign Practices Act's recordkeeping and disclosure requirements for online platforms

result in the downstream censorship of core political speech. IFS's expertise in analyzing collateral censorship effects will help the Court understand how these burdens disproportionately harm grassroots campaigns, lower-budget candidates, and outsider groups who rely most heavily on cost-effective digital advertising. This contribution will assist the Court in reaching a fully informed decision on the important constitutional question presented here. *See* RAP 10.6(a).

V. CONCLUSION

IFS respectfully requests that the Court grant leave to file the attached amicus brief.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th day of
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