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ATTORNEY GENERAL TONG CONFIRMS CONNECTICUT PARTICIPATION IN MULTISTATE ANTITRUST INVESTIGATION INTO FACEBOOK

(Hartford, CT) – Attorney General William Tong confirmed today that Connecticut is participating in a bipartisan, multistate coalition of attorneys general investigating potential antitrust violations by social media giant Facebook.

"Social media is a critical part of doing business in today's economy. Any effort by Facebook to unlawfully stifle competition could cause wide-ranging harm to smaller companies, restrict consumer choice, and increase cost for all. Connecticut is working closely with attorneys general across the nation in taking a very hard look at Facebook to determine whether it is engaging in unlawful competitive practices. We cannot prejudge the outcome of this investigation, but stand ready to follow the evidence where it takes us to protect American consumers," **said Attorney General Tong.**

Connecticut is also leading a separate multistate investigation into Facebook's privacy practices and the incident involving Cambridge Analytica.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, along with the attorneys general of Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia, are leading the investigation into Facebook. Additionally, joining Attorney General Tong in announcing they have joined the

investigation of Facebook today, are the attorneys general from Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the territory of Guam, in addition to a number of other states that cannot confirm their participation in pending investigations.

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