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The Honorable Charles Schumer 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your tireless advocacy on so many important issues, including online privacy. The issue is something Facebook takes very seriously. Indeed, Facebook is designed to give people the tools to control their information online and our highest priority is to keep and build the trust of the more than 400 million people who use our service. These goals were central in the development of the new products we announced last week.

Specifically, these new products and features are designed to enhance personalization and promote social activity across the Internet while continuing to give users unprecedented control over what information they share, when they want to share it, and with whom. All of Facebook's partner sites interact with a user's consent.

We look forward to meeting with your staff soon to explain how the collective changes we announced last week will result in more control for users, not less. We also look forward to answering any questions and alleviating any concerns you or your colleagues may have.

We welcome a continued dialogue with you and others because we agree that scrutiny over the handling of personal data is needed as Internet users seek a more social and interactive experience. Facebook is a leader in transparency of our policies, notification to our users, and security of their data.

Regards,

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