United States District Court
Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JENNIFER L. COOK,

Plaintiff,

v.

META PLATFORMS, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 22-cv-02485-AMO

ORDER RE OMNIBUS SEALING MOTION

Re: Dkt. No. 282

Now pending before the Court is the parties' Joint Omnibus Sealing Motion regarding certain documents submitted in connection with Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification, Dkt. No. 236, and Meta's Motion to Exclude the Opinions and Testimony of Richard Eichmann and Dr. Jonathan Hochman, Dkt. Nos. 255-56.

Having considered the parties' submissions, and given the compelling reasons set forth therein, the Court rules as follows:

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Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Class Certification	236-1	235-1	282-1	Meta	Partial 8:20-24; 9:2-9; 9:11-14; 12:17-25; 13:5-21; 14:4-16; 14:20-21; 14:23-28; 15:1-14; 15:17-23; 15:25-28;	GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. ECF pg. 8, DENIED. ECF pg. 9:2-6, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 12, GRANTED.

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					16:1-10; 16:16-21; 16:24-28 17:1-11; 17:15-21; 17:26-28; 19:3-6; 21:5-7 25:26-28 26:1-5; 26:14-25; 29:17-18; 32:11-17 33:6-12; 33:14-17	ECF pg. 13,parentheticals following citation to Exhibits 5 and 29 at lines 6-10, 15-17, GRANTED. Proposed redactions at 18-21, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 14:12-13, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 15, parentheticals following citations to Exhibits 15, 16, and 20, GRANTED. The proposed redactions of dollar amounts at lines 20, 21, and 23, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 16:3-4, 8-10, 16-18, GRANTED. Proposed citations at line 19 and first three words of line 20, GRANTED. Proposed redactions at lines 24-25, and the parenthetical following the citation to Exhibit 30, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 17:10, the word in quotation marks, GRANTED. Proposed redaction of dollar amount at line 17, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 19, DENIED. ECF pg. 21, DENIED. ECF pg. 25:26-27, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED.

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						ECF pg. 26:2-5, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 29, DENIED. ECF pg. 32, DENIED. ECF pg. 33, DENIED.
Ex. 5: Excerpts from 30(b)(6) Deposition of George Kamps (Aug. 27, 2025)	236-7	235-2	282-1	Meta	Partial 53:1; 53:5-25; 54:6-13; 55:2-55:9; 55:14-56:3; 56:6-25; 57:3-4; 59:24-60:4; 60:14-19; 60:23-61:2; 61:16-23; 62:1-11; 62:15-63:1; 63:4-63:23; 64:2-9; 64:13-23; 65:1-13; 65:16-66:15; 66:19-67:10; 67:14-67:23; 68:1-68:12; 68:16-22; 68:25	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall file a version of the deposition transcript with highlighted proposed redactions.
Ex. 6: Exhibit 10 to Deposition of Jeffrey Allen (Feb. 4, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000046786	236-8	235-3	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 9: Excerpts from Deposition of Tom Palesky (July 9, 2025)	236-11	235-4	282-1	Meta	Partial 4:11-23; 49:1-16; 49:18-23; 49:25-50:6; 50:8-16; 50:18-51:1;	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall file a version of the deposition transcript with highlighted

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					51:3-51:9; 51:14-51:24; 52:1-24; 53:1-24; 54:1-2; 54:6-8; 54:10-16; 54:18-55:4; 55:6-19; 55:21-56:21; 56:23-24	proposed redactions
Ex. 10: Timeline of Meta's Repeat Infringer Policy, as prepared by Plaintiff	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	DENIED.
Ex. 10-A: Exhibit 3 to 30(b)(6) Deposition Transcript of Tom Palesky (Aug. 15, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 059819	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-B: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 026033	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-C: Exhibit 11 to Deposition of Travis Golden (July 11, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 014341	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-D: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 172341	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-E: Exhibit 12 to Deposition of Glynis Braxton (June 18, 2025), document	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall propose partial redactions and identify

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bearing Bates META_JLC_000 082488						the basis for sealing.
Ex. 10-F: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 022151	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-G: Exhibit 4 to 30(b)(6) Deposition Transcript of Tom Palesky (Aug. 15, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 014841	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-H: Exhibit 3 to Deposition of Chase Oxner (Feb. 21, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 014368	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-I: Exhibit 2 to Deposition of Chase Oxner (Feb. 21, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 014350	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall propose partial redactions and identify the basis for sealing.
Ex. 10-J: Exhibit 7 to 30(b)(6) Deposition Transcript of Tom Palesky (Aug. 15, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 015531	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-K: Exhibit 8 to Deposition of Travis Golden (July 11, 2025), document	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.

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bearing Bates META_JLC_000 020298						
Ex. 10-L: Exhibit 17 to Deposition of Laura Lozano (July 17, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 020894	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 10-M: Exhibit 12 to Deposition of Elizabeth Castilla Miranda (June 12, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 055057	236-12	235-5	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 13: Excerpts from Deposition Transcript of Jeffrey Allen (Feb. 4, 2025)	236-15	235-6	282-1	Meta	Partial 4:23-25; 53:2-4; 53:6-12; 53:14-54:5; 54:7-13; 54:15-23; 54:25-55:2; 55:4-6; 55:22-25; 57:11-19; 57:24-59:6; 59:13-60:21	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall file a version of the deposition transcript with highlighted proposed redactions
Ex. 14: Exhibit 2 to Deposition of Michelle Moon (June 24, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 156989	236-16	235-7	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 15: Exhibit 6 to 30(b)(6) Deposition Transcript of Tom Palesky (Aug. 15, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000	236-17	235-8	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.

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Ex. 16: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 032071	236-18	235-9	282-1	Meta	Full	DENIED.
Ex. 17: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 031207	236-19	235-10	282-1	Meta	Full	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall propose partial redactions and identify the basis for sealing.
Ex. 18: Exhibit 1 to Deposition of Glynis Braxton (June 18, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 090156	236-20	235-11	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 19: Exhibit 15 to Deposition Transcript of Tom Palesky (July 9, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 113354	236-21	235-12	282-1	Meta	Full	DENIED without prejudice to resubmission. Should Meta choose to resubmit, it shall propose partial redactions and identify the basis for sealing.
Ex. 20: Exhibit 4 to Deposition of Travis Golden (July 11, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 069114	236-22	235-13	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 21: Exhibit 22 to Deposition of Laura Lozano (July 17, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 037278	236-23	235-14	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 22: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000 020072	236-24	235-15	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.

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Ex. 23: document bearing Bates META_JLC_000011524	236-25	235-16	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 24: Exhibit 5 to Deposition of Elizabeth Castilla Miranda (June 12, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000083425	236-26	235-17	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 25: Exhibit 6 to Deposition of Elizabeth Castilla Miranda (June 12, 2025), document bearing Bates META_JLC_000083377	236-27	235-18	282-1	Meta	Full	GRANTED.
Ex. 29: Expert Report of Jonathan Hochman, Ph.D. (September 18, 2025)	236-31	235-19	282-1	Meta	Partial Highlighted portions of the following pages in ECF No. 238-11: 9-29 37 39-42 44-52	GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. ECF pg. 9, DENIED. ECF pg. 10, DENIED. ECF pg. 11, subheading "A." and the content in paragraphs 33 and 34, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 12, GRANTED. ECF pg. 13, paragraph 37, the sentence beginning "That image" to the end of the paragraph, GRANTED. Paragraph 38, GRANTED. Paragraph 39, the sentence beginning "Mr. Kamps testified," GRANTED. Footnote 15, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED.

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						ECF pg. 14, GRANTED. ECF pg. 15, first two lines at top of the page, GRANTED. Paragraph 43, line 3, sentence beginning with "Ad targeting" to end of page, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 16, GRANTED. ECF pg. 17, paragraphs 49-53, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 18, GRANTED. ECF pg. 19, GRANTED. ECF pg. 20, GRANTED. ECF pg. 21, bullet points 3., 4., 5. at the top of the page, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 22, DENIED. ECF pg. 23, the listed file names, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 24, paragraph 70, the sentence beginning "For example" to the end of the paragraph, GRANTED. Paragraphs 72-73, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 25, from the top of the page down to paragraph 75, line 3, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 26, DENIED.

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						ECF pg. 27, paragraph 82, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 28, DENIED. ECF pg. 29, paragraph 87, the last sentence beginning with "Mr. Kamps also," GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. Remaining redactions from pgs. 30-55, GRANTED.
Ex. 30: Expert Report of Richard J. Eichmann, MAFF, CVA (September 18, 2025)	236-32	235-20	282-1	Meta	Partial Highlighted portions of the following pages in ECF No. 238-13: 6-36 39-40	GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. ECF pg. 6, information regarding the years of data produced, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 7, as to file names, GRANTED. Information regarding the years of the takedown reports, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 8, DENIED. ECF pg. 9, DENIED. ECF pg. 10, footnote 15, GRANTED. Information regarding the year of the Reporting Data, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 11, DENIED. ECF pg. 12, information regarding the years of the data reported, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED.

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						ECF pg. 13, lines 1-3, GRANTED. Information regarding the year of the dataset, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 14, DENIED. ECF pg. 15, information regarding the year of the dataset and year of reporting, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 16, DENIED. ECF pg. 17, information regarding the year of the dataset, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 18, DENIED. ECF pg. 19, DENIED. ECF pg. 20, DENIED. ECF pg. 21, paragraph 36, parenthetical information, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 22, DENIED. ECF pg. 23, as to the proposed redactions in paragraph 39, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 24, as to the years of the reporting data, GRANTED. As to paragraph 44, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 25, GRANTED. ECF pg. 26, as to

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						paragraph 46, GRANTED. As to the years of the data reports, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 27, DENIED. ECF pg. 28, as to paragraph 52, line 4 to the end of the paragraph, GRANTED. As to subheading 1., and paragraphs 53-54, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 29, GRANTED. ECF pg. 30, as to paragraphs 55-56, GRANTED. As to footnote 78, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 31, DENIED. ECF pg. 32, as to paragraph 60, lines 1-7, GRANTED. As to footnote 85, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED. ECF pg. 33, as to the redaction of the term "Business ID," and footnote 90, DENIED. Otherwise, GRANTED. ECF pg. 34, DENIED. ECF pg. 35, DENIED. ECF pg. 36, as to the dollar amount of revenue earned at line 3, GRANTED. Similarly, for the revenue figures listed in footnote 97, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED.

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						ECF pg. 39, as to the revenue amount in Opinion 3, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED.

Regarding Plaintiff's motion to seal, the Court rules as follows:

- Dkt. No. 242-1: As to the last names of deponents at ECF pgs. 31-32, DENIED. As to the settlement amount, GRANTED. As to the name of the entity Cook hired at ECF pg. 36, line 6, GRANTED. Otherwise, DENIED.
- Dkt. No. 242-2: GRANTED.
- Dkt. No. 242-3: GRANTED.
- Dkt. No. 242-4: GRANTED.
- Dkt. No. 242-6: DENIED, without prejudice to resubmission with partial redactions. Plaintiff has not shown how third-party deponents would be injured by allowing the fact of their deposition to remain public.
- Dkt. No. 242-7: DENIED, without prejudice to resubmission with partial redactions. Plaintiff has not shown how third-party deponents would be injured by allowing the fact of their deposition to remain public.
- Dkt. No. 242-8: DENIED, without prejudice to resubmission with partial redactions. Plaintiff has not shown how third-party deponents would be injured by allowing the fact of their deposition to remain public.

As to those filings for which the motion to seal was denied without prejudice to resubmission, the party must resubmit by September 25,2026, should they choose to renew their motion. Otherwise, the parties must file updated redacted versions of these filings, in accordance with the Court's rulings, by September 25, 2026.

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The Court cautions that if a party chooses to resubmit their motions to seal and again does not narrowly tailor their request, or fails to provide a basis for sealing the material, the Court is likely to order the party to show cause why personal sanctions should not follow.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 17, 2026

ARACELI MARTÍNEZ-OLGUÍN
United States District Judge

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