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Mr. Mark Zuckerberg  
Chief Executive Officer  
Facebook, Inc.  
1 Hacker Way  
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

As you know, we are less than two weeks away from the 2020 Presidential Election, and voters across the country are casting their ballots. This year, more than ever before, candidates are relying on social media platforms to reach and persuade voters. Nearly 70 percent of Americans use Facebook, and many of them rely on the site for information that shapes their thinking on issues, politics, and candidates. A little over half of Americans rely on social media as a source of news; this is particularly true for young people. It is critical that the public be fully informed on the involvement of companies like yours in shaping the information that is shared and disseminated, both publicly to and among users and privately between Facebook and candidates or political parties.

In the interest of fully disclosing any interactions with the candidates and their campaigns, I request that you provide the Committee with specific information regarding whether and how Facebook has provided access to any data, analytics, or other information to either major political party, candidate, or affiliates thereof. This includes information related to advertising, post or page performance, engagement, or other data that might shape or influence decision-making by the candidate or campaign. In addition, please indicate whether this information is provided equitably to all candidates, and how decisions are made regarding what information is provided and to whom.

Given the time-sensitive nature of this request and the approaching election, I would ask that you please provide the requested information to Committee staff as soon as possible, but no later than October 26, 2020. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Olivia Trusty of the Committee Staff at (202) 224-1251.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Roger F. Wicker  
Chairman

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