

Federal Judge Grants Facebook’s Motion to Dismiss in CHD v. Facebook

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In a [45-page decision](#), the judge opined that CHD’s allegations — that Facebook is effectively a “state actor” on behalf of the federal government and engaged in false advertising and racketeering — failed to state legal claims.

“While the decision is disappointing, we are not shocked,” said Mary Holland, CHD president and general counsel. “The line of Judge Illston’s questioning at [oral argument](#) suggested that she was inclined to rule in favor of Facebook’s motion to dismiss. Cases like these are challenging because they are novel; there have never been social media behemoths with such extraordinary powers. Congress explicitly created an environment where they would face few legal impediments, so it is challenging to hold them to account.”

CHD is reviewing its legal options. The fight to get truthful information to the public about [vaccines](#) and [5G](#) technologies, without [censorship](#) and without being characterized as “misinformation” or “disinformation,” will continue.

CHD is far from alone in [seeking greater accountability](#) from social media giants — Facebook may well be heading for a fall. On Monday, the [Federal Trade Commission’s case](#) against Facebook on antitrust grounds was also dismissed. [Pressure on Congress](#) is mounting to update laws on social media.

“As emergency orders and regulations continue, more than a year after the COVID-19 pandemic started, the public is hungrier than ever for truthful information,” Holland

remarked. "CHD will continue to battle censorship on Facebook and in other media. Stay tuned."

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