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LANSING — Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel today released the following statement confirming her participation in the bipartisan antitrust investigation into Facebook:

"Facebook has played a major role in shaping our global online economy as one of the largest social media platforms in the world. It is illegal for a business to use its market power to engage in anticompetitive conduct in an effort to achieve or maintain a monopoly. Our personal data is the biggest commodity in today's online economy and, as the chief law enforcement officer of the state, it is my duty to ensure Michigan residents' personal data doesn't continue to be pillaged in a monopolist's quest to control social media and advertising markets."

Nessel joins the Attorneys General of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the territory of Guam, in addition to a number of other states that cannot confirm their participation in the investigation.

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