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Proposed Order denying Defendants' Motion to Seal Documents

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Having considered the arguments of the parties, the Court finds, as follows:

Defendants Substack, Inc. Amazon Web Services, Inc. and Tech Inquiry, Inc's motions to seal are DENIED. From their reply briefs, the court understands Defendants have abandoned their motions.

The parties are ordered to meet and confer in person or by videoconference before filing any papers in which sealing may be at issue. The parties must make a good faith effort to coordinate and organize their filings and sealing motions sensibly. Four sealing motions at this time is demonstrably not sensible. At least two of these motions could have been avoided by meet and confer. Additionally, the filings would be in better shape if meet and confer had occurred. The parties must file declarations regarding their meet and confer with any subsequent sealing motion.

DATED: Ja 7, 2025

Hon Joseph M. Quinn

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT