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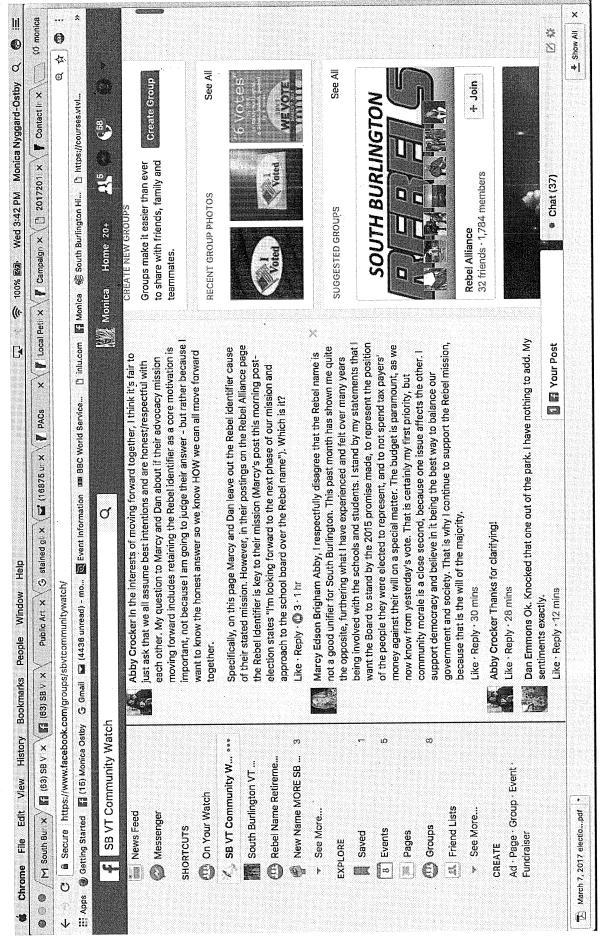
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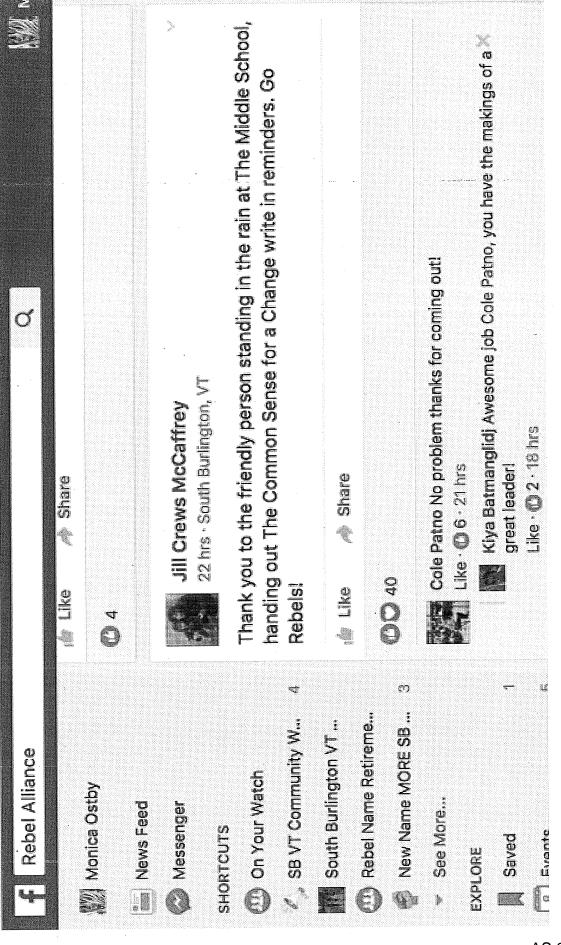
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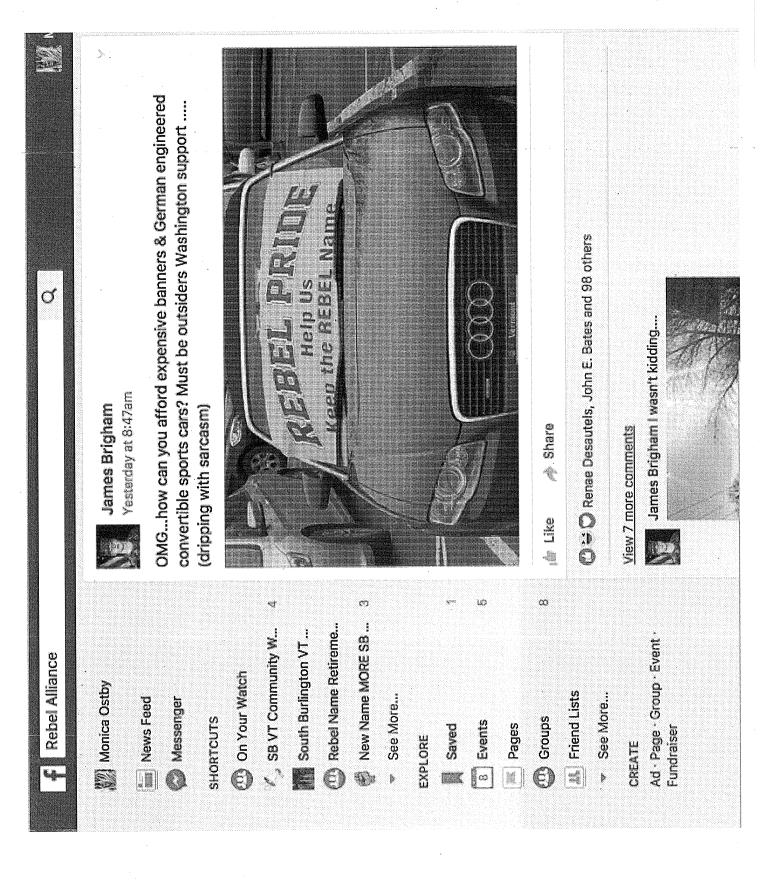
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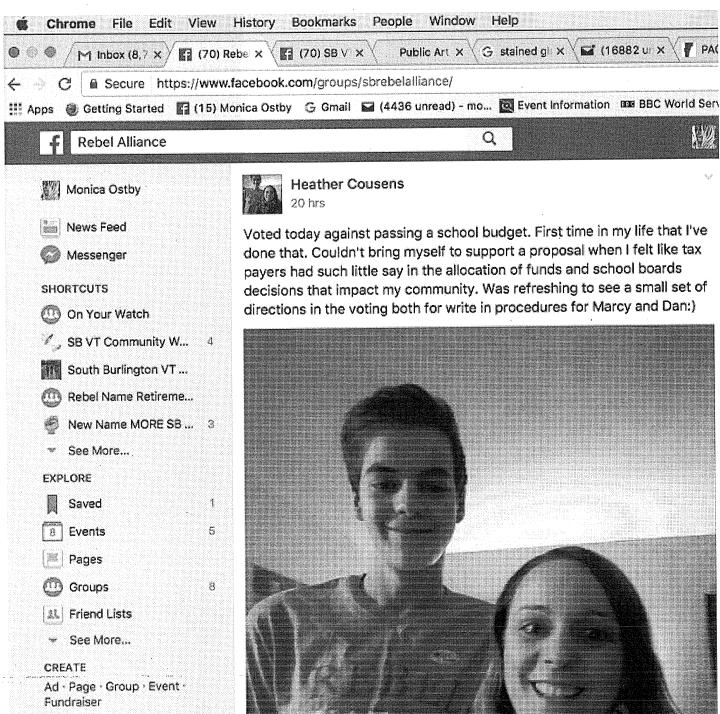
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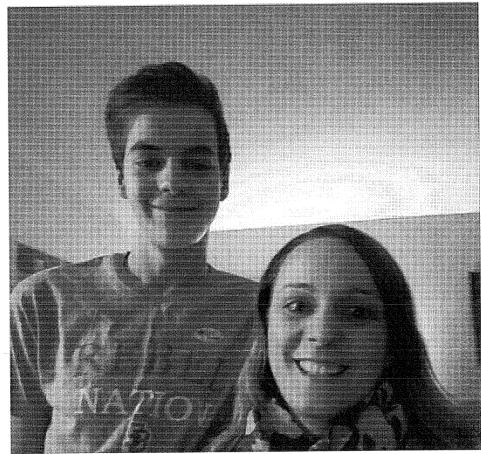
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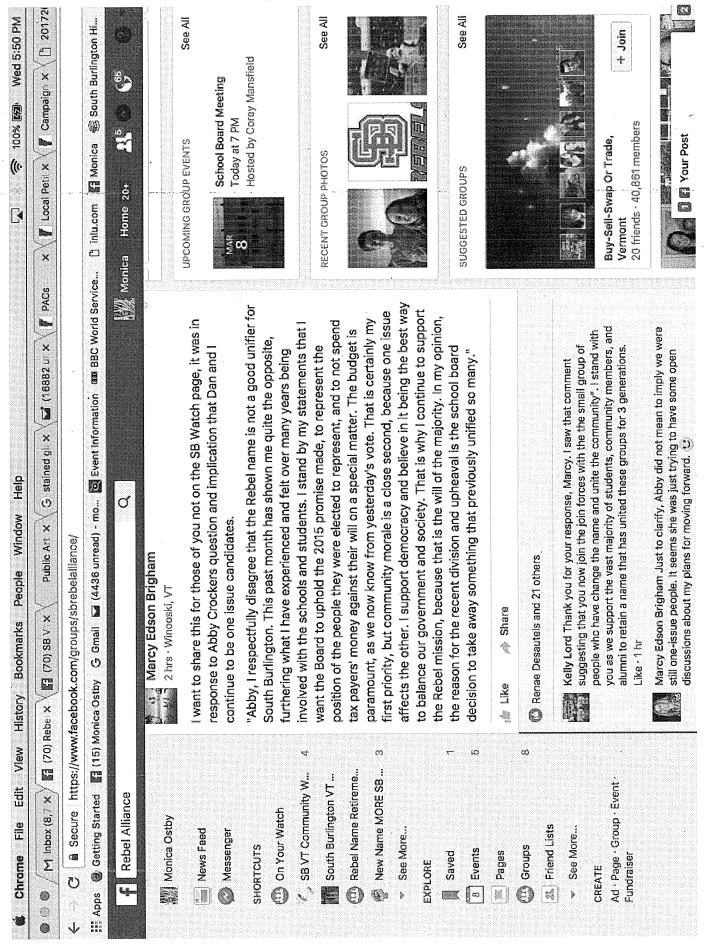
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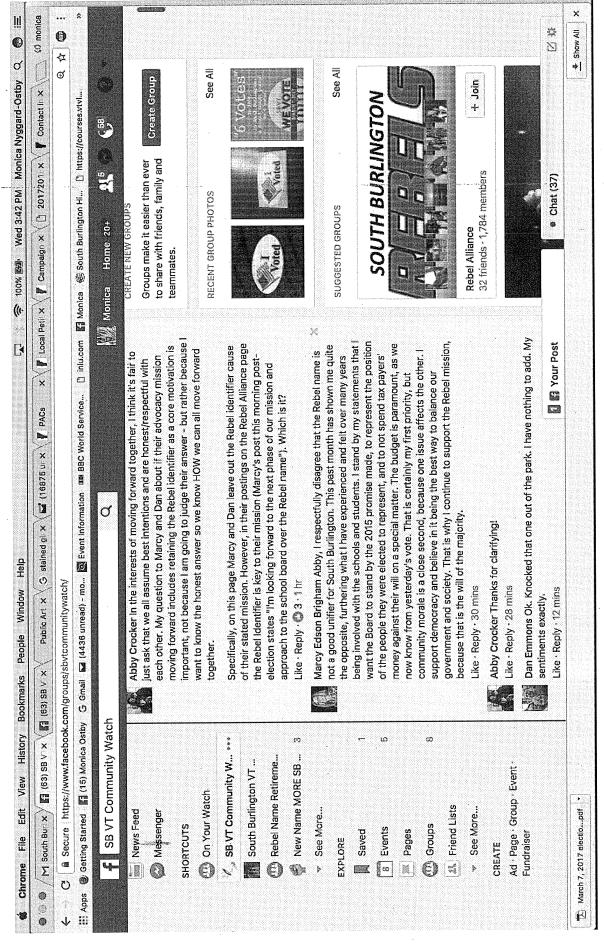
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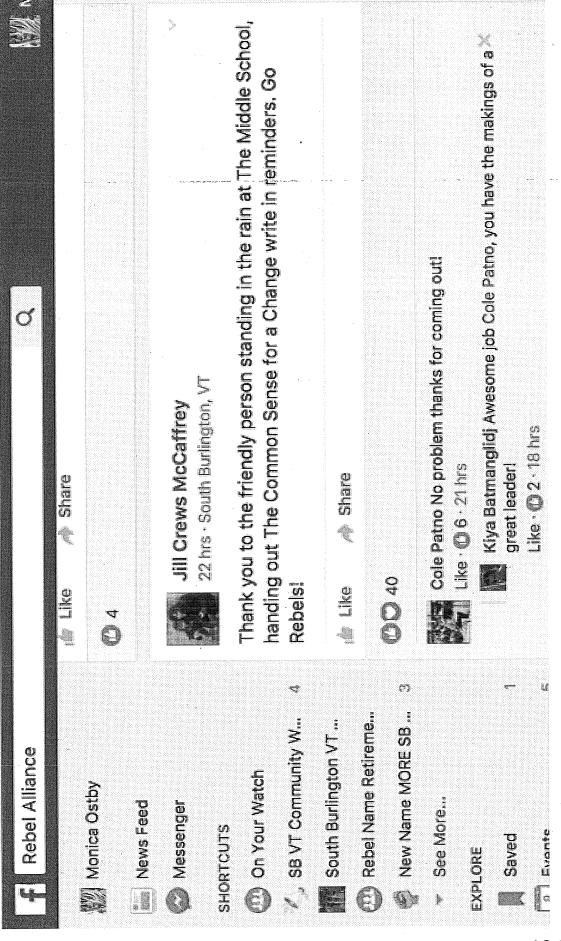
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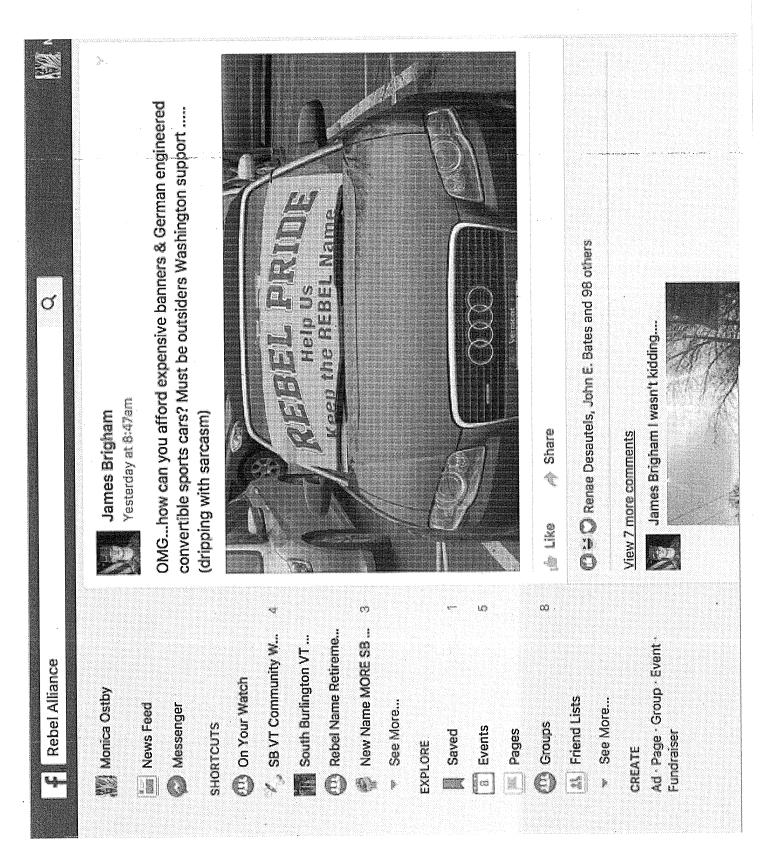
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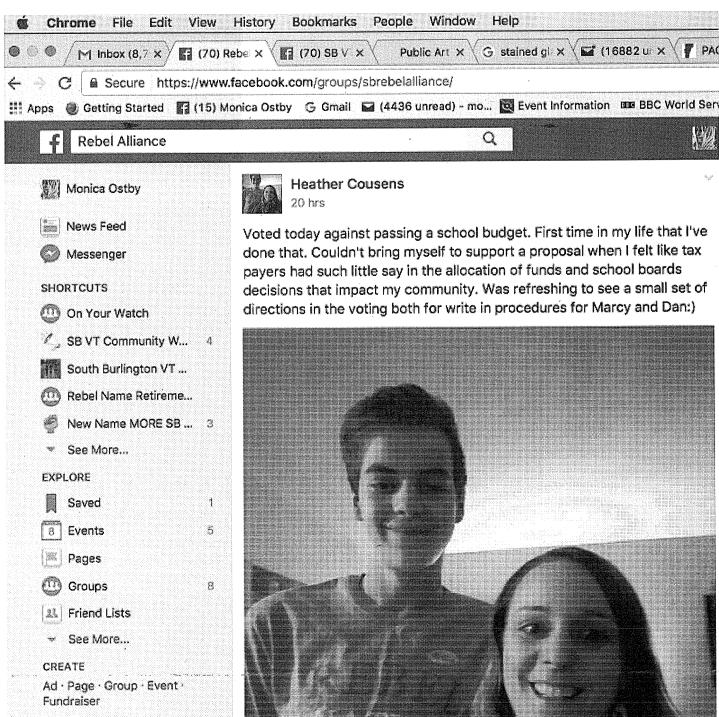
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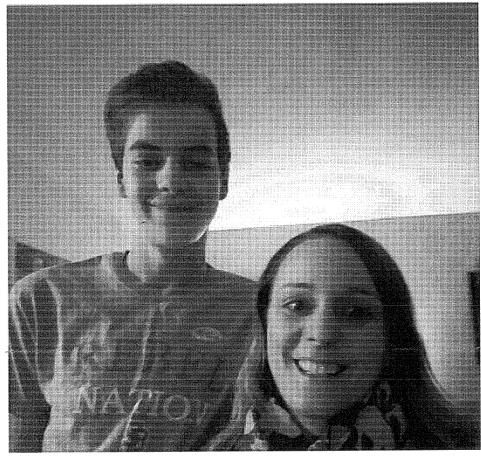
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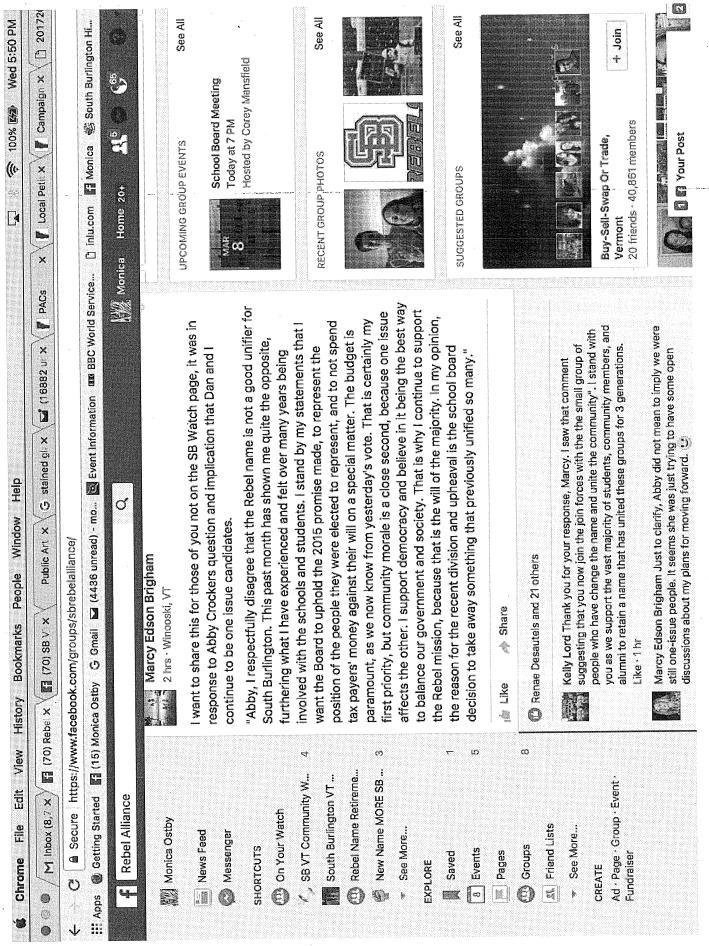
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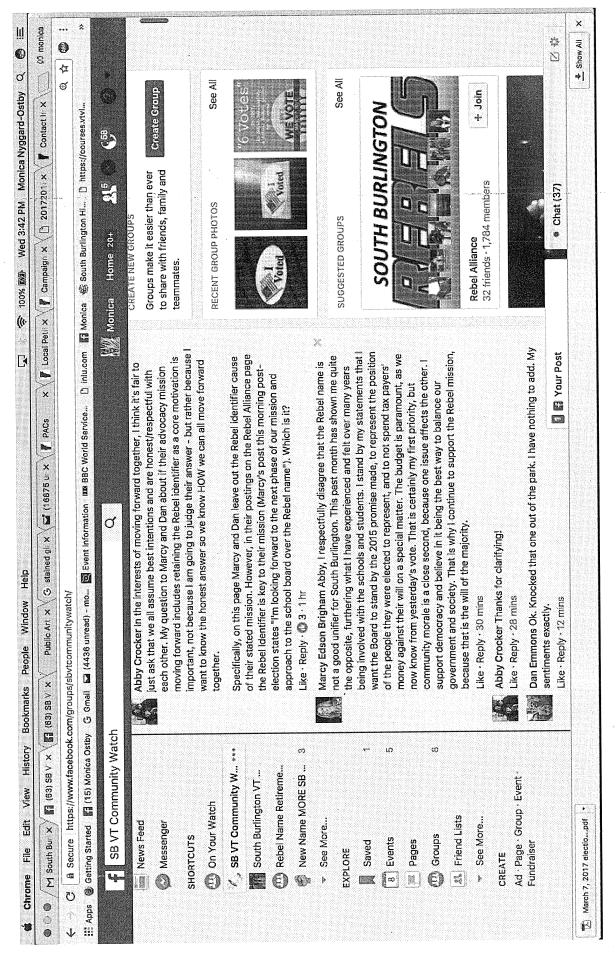
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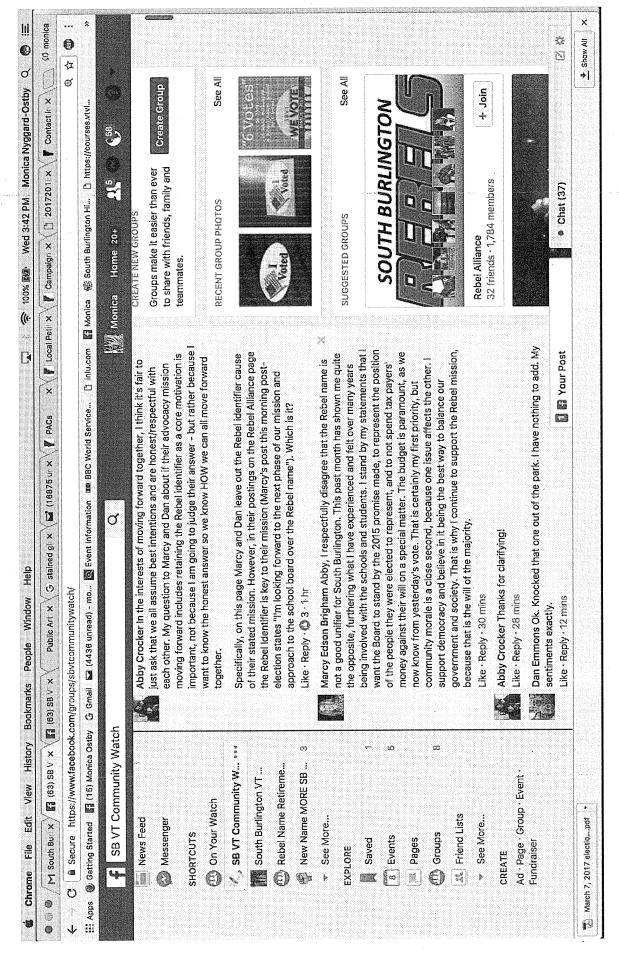
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Matthews, Deborah

Sent:

Monday, March 06, 2017 9:46 AM

To:

'Paul Engels'

Subject:

RE: Update on Emmons, Brigham & the Rebel Alliance

Dear Mr. Engels,

We have received your emails, and they have been forwarded to the Civil Division for review.

Regards,

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To:

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