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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
Vice President Kamala D. Harris  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden and Vice President Harris:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is continuing its oversight of information suppression campaigns in which the Administration may be currently engaged. On September 11, 2024, I wrote to you requesting that you transmit to the Committee documents related to this effort by September 25, 2024. More than a month past that deadline, the Committee has received no substantive response, despite attempts by Committee staff to obtain responsive documents or a timeline for their receipt.

As Election Day nears, the timeliness of this inquiry and the need for your response is underscored by a recent instance of selective social media “fact checking” described in a post on X by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Commissioner Brendan Carr. It states:

Facebook is now censoring the fact that [@VP](#) Harris has failed to connect even one person to the Internet despite leading the Administration’s \$42 billion infrastructure plan for 1,000+ days. Facebook is labeling this ‘false information,’ not because anyone has been connected—no one has—but because the government has been spending money while not connecting anyone. Worse? The fact checker’s only sources are Biden-Harris officials. I thought Zuckerberg promised Congress that it had stopped censoring posts at the behest of the Biden-Harris Administration.<sup>1</sup>

As I wrote to you in my letter last month, on August 26, 2024, Meta founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg posted a letter to House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan stating that:

In 2021, senior officials from the Biden Administration, including the White House, repeatedly pressured our team for months to censor certain COVID-19 content, including humor and satire, and expressed a lot of frustration with our teams when we didn’t agree.

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<sup>1</sup> FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr (@BrendanCarrFCC), X, <https://x.com/BrendanCarrFCC/status/1847805659456159749> (last visited October 24, 2024).

I further noted how the Biden-Harris Administration has advertised its willingness to manipulate the content of social media sites. On July 5, 2021, then-White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki stated at a press briefing that the Administration was “flagging problematic posts for Facebook that spread disinformation,”<sup>2</sup> and the next day clarified that the White House was in regular contact with social media companies to raise concerns about certain types of information on their platforms.<sup>3</sup> The White House has not apologized for this activity or indicated that it would cease and desist from engaging in such behavior.

In the letter I sent to you last month, I requested the White House produce the following documents and information, covering the time period January 1, 2024, to the present:

1. All communications with social media companies and any private sector entity, concerning the concealment or suppression of information on their sites; and
2. All communications between federal employees related to any discussion of concealment or suppression of information with social media companies and any private sector entity.

I am reiterating this outstanding request. If you continue to fail to produce the requested documents by October 31, 2024, the Committee will consider additional measures, including use of the compulsory process, to gain compliance and obtain this critical material. To arrange for the delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Accountability Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Attached are instructions for producing the documents and information to the Committee.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Nancy Mace

Chair

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology,  
and Government Innovation

cc: The Honorable Gerry Connolly, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation

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<sup>2</sup> Jen Psaki, Press Secretary, White House, Press Briefings (July 15, 2021).

<sup>3</sup> Jen Psaki, Press Secretary, White House, Press Briefings (July 16, 2021).