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March 4, 2021

Mr. Jack Dorsey
Chief Executive Officer
Twitter, Inc.
1355 Market Street, Suite 900
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Big Tech, especially Twitter, Inc., is engaged in systematic viewpoint-based discrimination. In the unfortunate phenomenon of “cancel culture,” Twitter plays a leading role in silencing and censoring political speech of conservative Americans. In recent months, Twitter throttled the dissemination of a mainstream newspaper article critical of then-candidate Joe Biden’s son and later took the unprecedented step of de-platforming the sitting President of the United States. If Twitter can do this to the President of the United States, it can do it to any American for any reason.

On July 8, 2020, Ranking Member Jordan and then-Ranking Member Sensenbrenner wrote to you requesting documents from Twitter as part of the Committee’s examination of the size, competitiveness, and role of social media companies.¹ Although Twitter’s lawyers offered a telephonic briefing, Twitter ultimately failed to provide any requested documents to aid our efforts in overseeing the digital marketplace. Since then, Twitter’s conduct has only become more brazen. Accordingly, we write to reiterate our request that Twitter provide the following documents and information:

1. An accounting of all content moderation decisions made by Twitter over the past year for users located within the United States, including which Twitter rule or policy the user allegedly violated and the content of the moderated tweet;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to Twitter’s decision to apply a “fact check” notation to President Trump’s May 26, 2020, tweets concerning mail-in

¹ Letter from Jim Jordan & F. James Sensenbrenner, H. Comm. on Judic., to Jack Dorsey, CEO, Twitter, Inc. (July 8, 2020).

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ballots, including how Twitter decided what additional information to make available to users concerning mail-in voting;² and

3. All documents and communications referring or relating to Twitter's decision to apply a notation asserting that President Trump's June 23, 2020, tweet concerning an autonomous zone in Washington, D.C. violated Twitter's policy against abusive behavior and threats of harm against an identifiable group.³

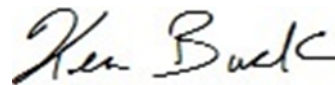
We expect to receive the documents as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Ken Buck
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Antitrust,
Commercial and Administrative Law

cc: The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chairman

The Honorable David Cicilline, Chairman, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial
and Administrative Law

² See Twitter Safety (@TwitterSafety), TWITTER (May 27, 2020), <https://twitter.com/TwitterSafety/status/1265838823663075341>; see also Twitter Safety (@TwitterSafety), TWITTER (May 27, 2020), <https://twitter.com/TwitterSafety/status/1265838824451694597>.

³ See Twitter Safety (@TwitterSafety), TWITTER (Jun. 23, 2020), <https://twitter.com/TwitterSafety/status/1275500569940176897>.