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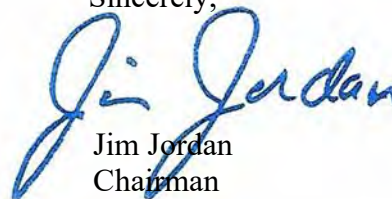
Dear Mr. Jassy:

To develop effective legislation, such as the possible enactment of new statutory limits on the Executive Branch's ability to work with Big Tech to restrict the circulation of content and deplatform users, the Committee on the Judiciary must first understand how and to what extent the Executive Branch coerced and colluded with companies and other intermediaries to censor speech. To this end, we have asked for communications between Amazon and the Executive Branch, internal Amazon communications discussing communications from the Executive Branch, and Amazon communications with third parties that may have been working with the Executive Branch, in addition to other key information. Your response without compulsory process has been woefully inadequate.

In contrast to Amazon, Twitter recently set a benchmark for how transparent Big Tech companies can be about interactions with government over censorship. The Twitter Files have exposed how Big Tech and the federal government have worked hand in hand in ways that undermine First Amendment principles. Numerous internal documents from Twitter reflect the weaponization of the federal government's power to censor speech online. It is necessary for Congress to gauge the extent to which this occurred at Amazon as well.

Accordingly, please find attached a subpoena.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member