Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 Judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Bret Taylor Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Bret Taylor April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

L 1. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY 2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

> (202) 225-3951 judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. David Rosenblatt Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Rosenblatt:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally Stephen Soukup, The Dictatorship of Woke Capital (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, Texas Public Policy Foundation (June 2021).

Mr. David Rosenblatt April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

Tom McClintock Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship

L 1. Class

and Citizenship

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Member of Congress

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Egon Durban Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Durban:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Egon Durban April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

L 1. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

mber of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Dr. Fei-Fei Li Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Dr. Li:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Dr. Fei-Fei Li April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

L. N. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Jack Dorsey Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Jack Dorsey April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

L. N. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Ms. Martha Lane Fox Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Lane Fox:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally Stephen Soukup, The Dictatorship of Woke Capital (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, Texas Public Policy Foundation (June 2021).

Ms. Martha Lane Fox April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

Ms. Martha Lane Fox April 22, 2022 Page 3

> Tom McClintock Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Immigration

L. M. Class

and Citizenship

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

mber of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 Judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Ms. Mimi Alemayehou Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Alemayehou:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally Stephen Soukup, The Dictatorship of Woke Capital (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, Texas Public Policy Foundation (June 2021).

Ms. Mimi Alemayehou April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

Ms. Mimi Alemayehou April 22, 2022 Page 3

> Tom McClintock Ranking Member Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship

L. M. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 Judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Omid Kordestani Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Kordestani:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Omid Kordestani April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

Tom McClintock Ranking Member Subcommittee on Immigration

L 1. Class

and Citizenship

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 Judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Parag Agrawal Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Agrawal:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Parag Agrawal April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

L 1. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Member of Congress

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 Judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Patrick Pichette Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Pichette:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Patrick Pichette April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Louie Gohmert

Member of Congress

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Darrell Issa

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

L 1. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

2138 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6216

(202) 225-3951 Judiciary.house.gov

April 22, 2022

Mr. Robert Zoellick Board Member Twitter, Inc. 1355 Market St #900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Zoellick:

Free speech online is under attack by Big Tech. In particular, Twitter has increasingly engaged in "heavy-handed censorship . . . to silence prominent voices . . . and stifle views that disagree with the prevailing progressive consensus." Big Tech's eroding commitment to free speech prevents informed public discourse and undermines First Amendment principles. These harms follow from how Twitter and other social media companies increasingly function as the "de facto public town square" for the American people.

¹ Elon Musk's Hopeful Twitter Feed, WALL St. J. (Apr. 5, 2022).

² See generally Elon Musk, (@elonmusk), TWITTER (Mar. 26, 2022),

https://twitter.com/elonmusk/status/1507777261654605828; cf. Bradley A. Smith, 10 Things for Elon Musk to Do at Twitter, WALL St. J. (Apr. 7, 2022).

³ See id.

⁴ Mitchell Clark, *The Twitter board is reportedly not interested in Elon's takeover offer*, THE VERGE (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁵ See, e.g., Dominick Mastrangelo, *Washington Post columnist 'frightened' by prospect of Elon Musk buying Twitter*, THE HILL (Apr. 14, 2022).

⁶ See, e.g., In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litig., 907 A.2d 693 (Del. Ch. 2005).

⁷ See generally STEPHEN SOUKUP, THE DICTATORSHIP OF WOKE CAPITAL (2021); cf. C. Boyden Gray, Corporate Collusion: Liability Risks for the ESG Agenda to Charge Higher Fees and Rig the Market, TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION (June 2021).

Mr. Robert Zoellick April 22, 2022 Page 2

As Congress continues to examine Big Tech and how to best protect Americans' free speech rights, this letter serves as a formal request that you preserve all records and materials relating to Musk's offer to purchase Twitter, including Twitter's consideration and response to this offer, and Twitter's evaluation of its shareholder interests with respect to Musk's offer. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordan

Ranking Member

Steve Chabot

Member of Congress

Louie Gohmert Member of Congress Darrell Issa

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Internet

Ken Buck

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial

and Administrative Law

Ken Buck

Matt Gaetz

Member of Congress

Mike Johnson

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on the Constitution,

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Andy Biggs

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism

and Homeland Security

L 1. Class

Tom Tiffany

Member of Congress

Dan Bishop

Member of Congress

Victoria Spartz

Member of Congress

Cliff Bentz

cc:

Member of Congress

W. Gregory Steube Member of Congress

Chip Roy

Member of Congress

Michelle Fischbach Member of Congress

Scott Fitzgerald

Member of Congress

Burgess Owens

Member of Congress

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Chairman