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## House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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Mr. Mark Zuckerberg  
Chief Executive Officer  
Meta Platforms  
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg:

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 Meta and the Executive Branch, internal Meta communications discussing communications from the Executive Branch, and Meta 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 Meta, 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 Meta as well.

Accordingly, please find attached a subpoena.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Jordan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jim Jordan  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member