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Mr. Jack Dorsey Chief Executive Officer Twitter 355 Market Street, Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Dorsey,

I write to express my deep concerns with the recent action taken by Twitter and other social media platforms to indefinitely suspend the accounts of President Donald Trump. The actions by Twitter create a dangerous precedent that is impossible to walk back from. The banning of a duly elected official, especially the President of the United States, will have serious repercussions on the dissemination of information and the right of the people to know what their government is doing. Further, this action is in direct contradiction and inconsistent with how Twitter treats leaders from other nations, including adversaries and authoritarian regimes, such as China, who even ban Twitter from operating within their borders. The blocking of the President of the United States' account while other accounts remain is a dangerous and inconsistent enforcement of your rules. I urge Twitter to reverse course and immediately reinstate the President's Twitter account.

The President of the United States is the leader of the free world and his ability to reach the people and communicate important events and actions should not be censored. The removal of his account and his ability to communicate on your platform limits the government's ability to inform its citizens. Further, it divides the nation and alienates the millions of voters who supported the President in the 2016 and 2020 elections. This action could bring about further division and unrest, which is opposite of the stated intentions for his removal. This action will continue to divide our country at a time when we need to bring it closer together. It is paramount that the United States continue its long established tradition of a peaceful transition of power and respect for their elected officials.

For these reasons I strongly urge Twitter to reinstate the President's account and work with the current and incoming administration to ensure that all Americans are able to access information and hear from their elected officials.

Sincerely,

STEVE DAINES United States Senator