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Mr. Walker:

We write in response to concerning information Alphabet, Inc. ("Alphabet") provided to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary about YouTube's censorship of topics of public concern after pressing by the Biden Administration.

In its [September 23, 2025, letter](#), Alphabet admitted that Senior Biden Administration officials "conducted repeated and sustained outreach to Alphabet and pressed the Company regarding certain user-generated content related to the COVID-19 pandemic that did not violate its policies."

Alphabet also admitted that “the Administration’s officials, including President Biden, created a political atmosphere that sought to influence the actions of platforms based on their concerns regarding misinformation.” In its letter testimony, Alphabet continued to describe how Alphabet implemented and then discontinued content moderation policies related to COVID-19 and election fraud. The letter invited back content creators whose channels had been terminated for repeatedly violating these policies. The admissions in the letter are supported by evidence detailed in the U.S. House of Representatives [May 1, 2024 Interim Staff Report](#) of the Committee on the Judiciary.

In the letter, Alphabet affirmed that YouTube “takes seriously the importance of protecting free expression and access to a range of viewpoints” and “values conservative voices on its platform and recognizes that these creators have extensive reach and play an important role in civic discourse.” Yet, we have received concerns about continued suppression of conservative voices, including voices whose YouTube channels were negatively affected by YouTube’s COVID-19 and election fraud policies that are no longer in effect.

We have also received troubling reports that commentators in Iowa may have been negatively affected by YouTube’s COVID-19 and election fraud policies. This reflects the details in a [comment letter](#) filed on behalf of The Blaze commentator Steve Deace.

In September 2022, footage from an American Conservative Union’s Conservative Political Action Conference (“CPAC”) that took place in Dallas, Texas was reportedly removed from YouTube.¹ After the video was removed, YouTube prohibited CPAC from posting for one week. YouTube cited “medical misinformation” concerning COVID-19, as the reason it removed CPAC’s video. We

¹ [YouTube Removed CPAC Footage Of Donald Trump, Other Prominent Conservatives Due To ‘Misinformation,’ Group Says](#)

look forward to working with Alphabet to ensure that its current practices reflect [its own statements](#) in support of conservative voices.

Our office is entrusted with protecting the public from deceptive acts or practices. To ensure that YouTube's operations comport with its public representations and without violating consumer protection laws, we ask that you provide information described below regarding YouTube's treatment of politically conservative content creators and channels between January 1, 2019, to present.

1. Can YouTube content moderators, employees, or contractors flag content creators or channels for individualized treatment? Individualized treatment can include demonetization, deboosting, decreasing visibility, or other actions that treat a specific channel or creator differently based on factors outside the normal course of YouTube's algorithm.
2. Are content creators always notified when their channel or content has been marked for individualized treatment?
3. Explain all circumstances in which content, a channel, or a content creator could be flagged for individualized treatment and this action is not specifically disclosed to the content creator.
4. Does YouTube flag certain content creators or channels for additional scrutiny? Are content creators always notified when their content has been flagged for additional scrutiny? Explain all circumstances in which content, a channel, or a content creator could be flagged for additional scrutiny and this action is not specifically disclosed to the content creator.

5. Does YouTube flag certain topics or phrases for more scrutiny?
6. If yes, Are those topics or phrases disclosed; and if yes, how?
7. Does YouTube maintain lists of content creators or channels whose accounts have not been terminated but who will not be amplified, suggested, or recommended to the degree that they otherwise would have been? Are content creators or channels informed of any such treatment? If so, how?
8. Does YouTube limit the visibility or impressions of certain content, content creators, or channels without informing the channel or content creator of this treatment? If so, how?
9. Did YouTube limit the visibility of Iowan Steve Deace or programming on the Blaze Media platform between 2019 and present?
10. Please provide copies of all documents from January 1, 2019, to present that reflect any formal or informal actions taken by YouTube with respect to the following YouTube channels:
 - a. <https://www.youtube.com/@deaceshow>
 - b. <https://www.youtube.com/@sdeace>
 - c. <https://www.youtube.com/@blazetv>
 - d. <https://www.youtube.com/@thedailywire>
 - e. <https://www.youtube.com/@CPACplus>

We ask for your response by April 16, 2026.

Sincerely,



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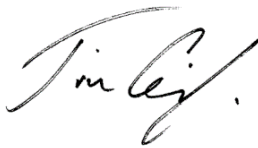
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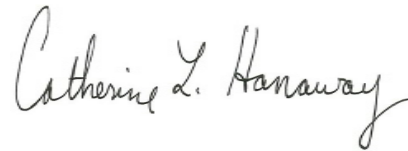
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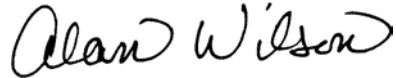
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