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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Mark Zuckerberg
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg:

In recent weeks, Meta appears to have repeatedly blocked accounts on your platforms featuring content critical of President Trump and his far-right MAGA allies. These apparent acts of corporate censorship of political speech raise serious concerns about Meta's dedication to ensuring free and fair elections.

On October 17, 2026, as part of an effort to engage the American public ahead of Election Day, the No Kings Coalition organized a nationwide voter mobilization event. Since June 2025, the Coalition has led a series of protests aimed at opposing President Trump, his Administration's increasingly authoritarian policies, and the ways that the Trump Administration is making life difficult for Americans without great wealth or power.¹ These demonstrations have become some of the largest single-day protests in U.S. history, each drawing more than five million participants.²

The organizers of the October 17 No Kings event emphasized a "hyperlocal" approach, with over 3,000 gatherings across the country.³ Yet just as these events were getting underway across the country, organizers received notice that the No Kings Coalition Instagram account had been suspended. Neither members of the public nor event organizers could access the page for

¹ *How This Saturday's 'No Kings' Protests Will Be Different*, Los Angeles Times (Oct. 15, 2026) (online at www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-10-15/how-this-saturdays-no-kings-day-protests-will-be-different); *Meta Apologizes for Suspending 'No Kings' Instagram Account, Blaming Bot Traffic Increase*, The Hill (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://thehill.com/policy/technology/6157957-meta-apologizes-no-kings-account-suspension/>); Britannica, "No Kings" Protests (Oct. 21, 2026) (online at www.britannica.com/event/No-Kings-protests).

² Britannica, "No Kings" Protests (Oct. 21, 2026) (online at www.britannica.com/event/No-Kings-protests); *Outrage After Meta Suspends No Kings Instagram Account During Protests*, The Guardian (Oct. 18, 2026) (online at www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/oct/18/no-kings-instagram-account-suspended-during-protests).

³ *4 Takeaways from a Voting-Focused 'No Kings' Day*, New York Times (Oct. 17, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/10/17/us/politics/no-kings-day-takeaways.html).

approximately an hour and a half, and organizers remained locked out for more than four hours.⁴ In the midst of nationwide demonstrations, the No Kings Coalition was unable to use one its largest communication tools, and individuals relying on the Instagram account could not access basic and essential information like event time, location, and message. Meta's actions not only threatened to undermine the success of the event but may have put participants at risk by blocking access to vital event safety information.

Shortly after the incident, a Meta spokesperson called the removal of the account an "automated action... clearly taken in error."⁵ According to Meta, the No Kings Coalition account was suspended due to an automated system error designed to prevent bot behavior.⁶ If true, this claim of accidental negligence reflects astonishing incompetence, to a degree that strains public credulity.

Technical glitches occur, but at Meta they are happening frequently and, curiously, seem to disproportionately impact the political opponents of President Trump and his authoritarian political alliances. In Brazil, Meta choked off content favorable to the sitting president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, while spreading pro-right-wing ads and deepfakes in favor of his opponent, Trump's close ally and preferred candidate Flávio Bolsonaro. Meta blamed the discrepancy in the treatment of the Brazilian candidates' accounts on "technical glitches."⁷ On October 15, however, a Brazilian Court called into question this explanation and ordered Meta to cease this conduct.⁸

Last month, Meta restricted or disabled dozens of Albanian Instagram accounts that were protesting a hotel development linked to Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law.⁹ Once again, Meta claimed those accounts were "disabled by mistake."¹⁰

⁴ *Outrage After Meta Suspends No Kings Instagram Account During Protests*, The Guardian (Oct. 18, 2026) (online at www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/oct/18/no-kings-instagram-account-suspended-during-protests); *During Anti-Trump Protests, No Kings' Instagram Page Got Pulled. Platform Says Oops*, Independent (Oct. 18, 2026) (online at www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/no-kings-instagram-suspended-meta-trump-protests-b3068841.html).

⁵ Andy Stone (@andymstone), X (Oct. 17, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/andymstone/status/2111579972116824545>).

⁶ *During Anti-Trump Protests, No Kings' Instagram Page Got Pulled. Platform Says Oops*, Independent (Oct. 18, 2026) (online at www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/no-kings-instagram-suspended-meta-trump-protests-b3068841.html).

⁷ *Id.*; *Meta Denies Accusation of Anti-Lula Political Bias in Brazil After Electoral Court Ruling*, AP News (Oct. 16, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/brazil-meta-political-bias-denial-lula-bolsonaro-954d26ac1eed94acd62c8156e7aa55d9>).

⁸ *Brazil's Lula Wins Electoral Court Challenge Against Meta for Alleged Pro-Bolsonaro Algorithm Bias*, AP News (Oct. 15, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/brazil-lula-meta-complaint-electoral-court-42270ca42bf27b3c9c30d73961759bc9>).

⁹ *Meta Blocks Dozens of Accounts Protesting Kushner-linked Albanian Resort Project*, Politico (Sept. 3, 2026) (online at www.politico.eu/article/meta-blocks-accounts-politicians-journalists-and-activists-protesting-jared-kushner-linked-albania-resort/).

¹⁰ *Meta Restores Protesters' Accounts as Albania Controversy Reaches Brussels*, The Exit (Sept. 4, 2026) (online at <https://exit.al/en/exit-explains/meta-restores-protesters-accounts-as-albania-controversy-reaches-b>).

Meta's own Oversight Board, the body that oversees Meta's content moderation policies and implementation, released a statement this week expressing concern about "recurring enforcement failures in Meta's election integrity efforts" and calling on the company to "do more to ensure that its enforcement practices during elections are transparent and consistent and that political speech is protected rather than stifled."¹¹ The Oversight Board has underscored that improperly removing political speech from social media before an election risks "undermining electoral integrity and creating an irreversible chill on political participation." The Board called on Meta to establish public metrics for evaluating the effectiveness of its moderation enforcement efforts.¹²

As CEO of Meta, you have met with President Trump and have been identified as the chief architect of an artificial intelligence industry initiative later released by the White House.¹³ Meta has donated \$1 million to President Trump's inaugural fund¹⁴ and \$5 million to the President's White House ballroom project,¹⁵ and you paid \$25 million to settle a lawsuit with the President over your suspension of his accounts.¹⁶ You reportedly meet or talk on the phone with the President often, and frequently travel to Washington, including attending the UFC fight on the White House lawn in June.¹⁷ You appointed Trump-ally and UFC head Dana White to Meta's Board of Directors, and hired a former Trump Administration official, Dina Powell McCormick, as Meta's president.¹⁸ Meta stands to make billions of dollars in government contracts and data center incentives from working with the Trump Administration,¹⁹ and you

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¹¹ The Oversight Board, *Oversight Board Statement on Protecting Election Integrity On Meta's Platforms* (Oct. 20, 2026) (online at www.oversightboard.com/news/oversight-board-statement-on-protecting-election-integrity-on-metas-platforms/).

¹² *Id.*

¹³ 'No Kings' Says Meta Cut Off Access to Instagram Account on Key Protest Day, *Newsweek* (Oct. 17, 2026) (online at www.newsweek.com/no-kings-protest-mets-12584351).

¹⁴ *Mark Zuckerberg's Meta Donates \$1 Million to Trump's Inaugural Fund*, *Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 11, 2024) (online at www.wsj.com/tech/mark-zuckerbergs-meta-donates-1-million-to-trumps-inaugural-fund-32a999c1).

¹⁵ *Secret Documents Reveal Donors Behind \$330 Million for Trump's Ballroom*, *Washington Post* (Oct. 15, 2026) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2026/10/15/secret-documents-reveal-donors-behind-330-million-trumps-ballroom/).

¹⁶ *Meta to Pay \$25 Million to Settle 2021 Trump Lawsuit*, *Wall Street Journal* (Jan. 29, 2025) (online at www.wsj.com/us-news/law/trump-signs-agreement-calling-for-meta-to-pay-25-million-to-settle-suit-6f734c8c).

¹⁷ 'Political chameleon': How Mark Zuckerberg Charmed Trump and Got His Way on AI, *CNN* (Oct. 8, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/10/08/business/mark-zuckerberg-trump-ai).

¹⁸ *Meta Names Former Trump Adviser Dina Powell McCormick as President and Vice Chairman*, *AP News* (Jan. 12, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/meta-dina-powell-mccormick-trump-adviser-bce6b207f1754284f9b922b0ea8ec7bf>).

¹⁹ *Meta Weakly Defends Blocking No Kings Instagram in the Middle of Event*, *The New Republic* (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://newrepublic.com/post/216799/meta-defends-blocking-no-kings-instagram-voting>); *Inside Zuckerberg, Huang's Push for White House AI Pact*, *Politico* (Sept. 30, 2026) (online at www.politico.com/news/2026/09/30/zuckerberg-huang-white-house-ai-pact-01101248).

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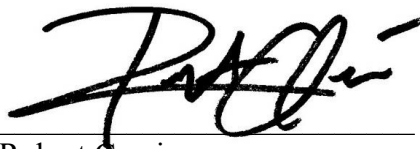
personally stand to benefit greatly from taking actions that win you additional support from President Trump and his Administration.

As one of the country's largest social media platforms and an Internet service provider enjoying legal immunity under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, Meta has a responsibility not to interfere with the integrity of our elections or infringe on the right of the public to engage in constitutionally protected political activity. Congress has an important interest in protecting and advancing free speech and free and fair elections. Accordingly, we request a briefing from the company on its election security efforts and these incidents, no later than November 9, 2026.

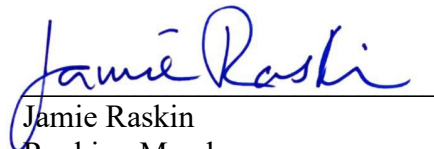
The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. The Committee on the Judiciary is responsible for ensuring the protection of Americans' civil rights and civil liberties, including the First Amendment and the right to vote. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051 or Judiciary Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-3951.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



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