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Re: Bill SB 50 Prohibiting internet social media terms of service that permit censorship of speech

Disposition: Proponent

Name of Conferee: Lyn Levine

Testimony:

As U.S. Citizens, we are entitled to Freedom of Speech under our Constitution. Yet, we see time and time again social media suppressing us. I have been censored (see image below) because someone complained about my comments in mainstream not going with their guidelines of being local or state. Next Door Support must not have read my comments but still censored me. My statements were all about the state Kansas (KS governor and KS Senators) yet they are stating this is not local or state related. I should not have been censored. Technically they are taking away my constitutional right of freedom of speech. They censor me so I cannot say a thing.

Today I tried posting about SB50 and I got a pop up stating 'Kind posts make a difference' and that 'post looks similar to content that has been reported for violating guidelines'. This is another example of suppression of speech.

In my group, I see posts being removed because of 'misinformation'. What are their credentials? They should be adhering to law and not labelling true information as misinformation. Due to me seeing members of my group being censored mostly when they are on main feed and sometimes in my group, I do not write much on main feed even when I know I can give true statements and links. My voice has been taken away because I am not of a particular political party.

Please pass SB50 which is very needed. We must have free speech. Censorship effects our elections and blocks the truth. Without free speech we cannot state the truth about amendments, bills, or political figures. We cannot spread the truth.

Thank you.

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