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Chairman Tom Cole
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole,

The First Amendment ensures that the free speech rights of Americans are protected, especially when criticizing government officials and other powerful interests. The Biden Administration is attempting to invert this principle and instead use the power and resources of the federal government to silence its critics.

The Biden administration has been brazen in its efforts to censor political opposition under the guise of mis-, mal-, and disinformation. We applaud you for making the protection of free speech rights a top priority by defunding the Biden censorship regime.

You and Speaker Johnson have demonstrated an unprecedented commitment to preserving the First Amendment. Under your leadership, the Appropriations Committee has included language to defund unlawful censorship programs across the government. As the subcommittees and the full committee continue to do their work, we encourage you to zero out funding for these initiatives in the following offices:

- The White House
- Department of Commerce
 - U.S. Census Bureau
- Department of Defense
 - National Security Innovation Network (regarding NewsGuard and other rating systems)
 - Army Cyber Institute

- Department of Health & Human Services
 - Center for Disease Control (CDC)
 - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
 - Office of the Surgeon General
- Department of Homeland Security
 - Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
 - Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)
 - Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program (TVTP)
 - Election Integrity Partnership (EIP)
 - Disinformation Governance Board
- Department of Justice
 - Federal Bureau of Investigations
 - Office of Justice Programs
- Department of State
 - Global Engagement Center
 - Global Disinformation Index
 - US Embassies (Eg. Germany, Hungary, and others)
- Department of the Treasury
 - Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FINCEN)
- National Science Foundation
 - Track F: Trust & Authenticity in Communication Systems

We have documentation of censorship across all these agencies and offices we can share with you upon request. Because this censorship is ubiquitous, we are pleased that you have incorporated blanket language to prohibit any form of censorship of US citizens. We would encourage your committee to adopt this blanket language across all bills and to continue fighting against the left's effort to silence free speech rights.

Sincerely,

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