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SB 50 Proponent

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Chairman Thompson and Members of Committee,

We must prohibit internet social media terms of service that permit censorship of speech including fines for violations. I am a proponent of this bill.

Censorship is universal, but particularly marked in political dictatorships or totalitarian regimes. Restriction of freedom of expression and Restrictions on freedom of information. Is controlling us right now with cancellations on Facebook and You-Tube to name a few.

I have been kicked off Facebook several times. For mentioning masks, vaccines, scientific information that they called misinformation. They have one message and if you deviate you are canceled.

I had a Rally at Shawnee Mission School District against the masking of our children in School on May 17, 2021. Many showed up and spoke at this meeting. The district uses You-Tube as their platform for their distribution of the meeting. The May 17 meeting was removed by You-Tube due to misinformation. The SMSD immediately stopped all comment portions of meeting from being shared on You-Tube. Their reasoning was the threat of loosing You-Tube as a platform and they wanted to stop the misinformation. So no transparency at SMSD since. Unless you are at meeting, you have no idea what problems with their policies are being addressed. Even after August 2021 You-Tube did re-post our May 17 meeting. Stating they will not suppress schools and government meetings.

Right now, our Johnson County Board of Commissioners, chair Mike Kelly unilaterally decided to use these facts of misinformation and threat of loosing the You-Tube platform. He and then after a vote of 4-3 are using these dictatorships to censor free speech. Controlling and restricting the peoples voice and information.

This dictatorship and totalitarian actions must be stopped. The snow ball affects are real and has to stop.

It is cognitive slavery.

Please pass out of committee this bill.

Thank you,

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