

February 1st, 2023

Subject: PROPONENT SB 50

IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee Members:

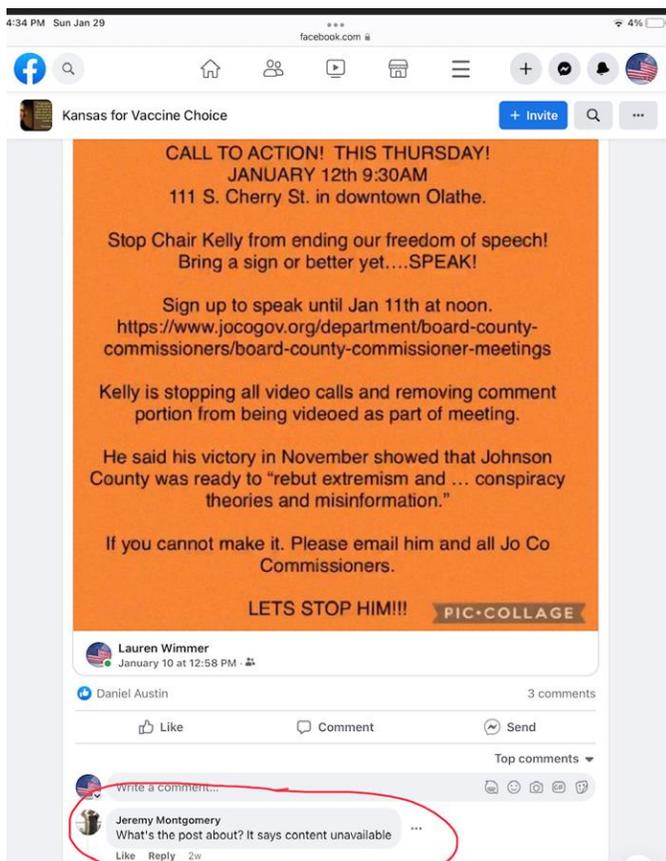
It is imperative that we take steps to preserve our 1st Amendment Right, freedom of speech, in the state of Kansas.

I recall years ago contemplating what it must feel like to live in China under tyranny, controlled propaganda, and no freedom of speech and expression. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought this could happen in America.

Unfortunately, I am sad to say it has and has happened to me!

As some of you have seen in this committee, I became very active last year with this body. On many occasions I testified at the Capitol and sent many messages over Facebook to encourage more people to come and testify. On many occasions my posts were either deleted, obscured, or shadow banned by Facebook.

It just happened again on January 10th, 2023. As you can see below, I was only encouraging people to come speak at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting and Facebook covered my post with a "content not available" shield in the private group that I had posted with. A fellow group member replied, "What's the post about? It says content not available."



Freedom of Speech is a fundamental right that is what makes our country stand out from the rest. I urge this body to pass SB50 and take the 1st step to insure KANSAS REMAINS A FREE STATE!

Sincerely,

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