

Date: January 30, 2023

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

Disposition: Proponent

Name of Conferee: Jeff Levine

Testimony:

To have fair elections, we need free speech for everyone, no matter what their political affiliation is. Without free speech, we will have unfair elections. If only one side can speak without any debates from the other side because it is not allowed, how can you hold fair elections? Our free speech is protected by the US Constitution.

Allowing tech companies the ability to use their algorithms to seek out certain words and then censor these posts only goes against our right to fair elections and free speech. It prevents one from informing the public about what is really happening. It is similar to putting tape over someone's mouth.

Censorship not only effects our elections but blocks the truth. No one should be censored or cancelled because they have a different view. No one should be stopped from questioning. We need free speech of all.

Because of this, SB 50 needs to be approved. What are people afraid off when they censor?

Thank you.

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