The Honorable Jim Jordan
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Dear Chairman Jordan:

The Biden Administration, working hand-in-glove with Democrats in Congress, has fueled the largest growth of the federal government in generations. Republicans were elected to right the ship and hold the Biden Administration accountable to American taxpayers.

Congratulations on winning the House Judiciary gavel. Vigorous oversight into the FBI's targeting of conservative voices and the runaway Federal Trade Commission should be at the top of the Republican agenda in the 118th Congress, and we stand ready to support and amplify your efforts in these areas.

Twitter CEO Elon Musk has steadily released internal documents showing how the Biden FBI directed Twitter censors to delete since-verified posts bureaucrats deemed "misinformation" about the 2020 election and the COVID-19 pandemic, among other hot-button topics. The documents detail the lengths Twitter went to blacklist conservative voices at the direction of the Biden Administration, despite repeated public assurances from Twitter executives under oath that "shadowbanning" did not exist.

Government-directed censorship through social media platforms is an assault on the First Amendment. Your bill with Energy and Commerce Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), the "Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act" (H.R. 8752), would prevent the federal government from pressuring platforms into censoring American speech online.

As lawmakers consider your important legislation to solve this problem, Judiciary members should leave no stone unturned in holding Biden bureaucrats accountable for violating our First Amendment rights.

Additionally, we support vigorous oversight into Lina Khan's FTC, the prime example of the Biden Administration's economic overreach. Since Khan's bait-and-switch confirmation in July 2021, Khan has been relentless in her quest to put every American company in a "Mother-May-I" relationship with the federal government.

Khan is an architect of a far-left movement that blames businesses for every progressive hobbyhorse under the sun, like income inequality, "social justice," and climate change. Khan wants to use government power to force companies into pushing a progressive social agenda.

Right out of the gate, Khan ripped up guidance that focused the FTC's antitrust enforcement on protecting consumers from harm. Khan rescinded the Vertical Merger Guidelines, a set of principles that the agency uses to assess the competitive effects of mergers and acquisitions, increasing uncertainty for the private sector. Khan's FTC has even floated resuscitating the Great Depression-era "Robinson-Patman Act" that would raise prices during generation-high inflation.

Probing Khan's FTC will be a target-rich environment. Staff morale and confidence have plummeted since Khan took the helm. Khan has relied extensively on unpaid consultants to perform agency work, six of which came from woke tech billionaire Pierre Omidyar's network of interest groups and AstroTurf nonprofits.

The problems at Khan's FTC were thrown into the spotlight this week with Republican FTC Commissioner Christine Wilson's public resignation. In an op-ed for the *Wall Street Journal*, Wilson cites Khan's "...disregard for the rule of law and due process" as the impetus for her resignation and outlines Khan's "...abuse of power to achieve desired outcomes" with various examples. Wilson's resignation leaves the FTC with zero Republican commissioners.

We commend the work you have already done to rein the Biden Administration in, including your probe into the FTC's unpaid consultant program. We look forward to your tenure as House Judiciary Chairman and stand ready to amplify your continued success in holding the Biden Administration accountable to all Americans.

Sincerely,

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