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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. After the 2020 election there was much uncertainty surrounding the vote totals and outcome. I was immediately concerned with what I was seeing so I was naturally curious as to what was going on. I became a vociferous consumer of information to try and piece together what was happening.

A few days after the election, I stumbled upon an article The Gateway Pundit published based on "Benford's Law". This mathematical principle is used by forensic accountants to identify fraud in large data sets. Basically, 1 is the most common integer in any random set of numbers because we count UP so it will also be the most prevalent number. The next most common would be 2, 3, 4 in that order and so on which maps out to a descending hyperbolic curve.

In the vote total outcomes for Donald Trump and Jo Jorgenson the data sets followed a normal/expected hyperbolic trend line. But in the case of Joe Biden the trend line was erratic and showed potential/probable manipulated outcomes. As I mentioned, Benford's Law is a tried-and-true forensic accounting principle and is predictably indicative of fraud in a data set.

Around November 7th, 2020 I re-tweeted the article about Benford's Law by Gateway Pundit and within no time at all my account was "permanently suspended" for the equivalent of sharing "revenge porn" of which I did not do nor did this article have anything to do with. This was blatant censorship by Twitter to effect public opinion on the outcome of the election and to hide dissenting viewpoints from being expressed.

I had similar experiences on Facebook wherein there were instances where I questioned the benefits of lockdowns, masks, school closures and vaccines as effective means by which to combat Covid-19—all of which have since been proven to be far more deleterious than beneficial. This did not stop Facebook from removing my posts, limiting their views and/or suspending my account to, again, craft the public narrative on the Covid-19 outbreak.

To further illustrate the concerted efforts by "Big Tech" to censor Americans, it has come to light in the "Twitter Files" – internal communications being released by Elon Musk about Twitter's censorship efforts in conjunction with Federal agencies and law enforcement-- and through the lawsuit being litigated by the Missouri & Louisiana Attorneys General that DHS via the Cyber Security Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) had a "switchboard" where Secretaries of State (including Kansas's) had a direct line to the federal government to order certain posts to be taken down or censored if it did not go along with the approved narrative surrounding the outcome of the 2020 election and any questioning of election integrity thereafter. CISA directed this program under the auspices that the thoughts and speech of Americans constituted

“cognitive infrastructure” and therefore required government oversight to manage supposed “dis-, mis- and mal-information.” It is not the role of the government to define what can and cannot be said by Americans—it is the role of government to PROTECT the right to free speech.

This program along with the actions of the Federal and Kansas government are blatant 1st amendment violations. The federal and Kansas governments cannot order private companies to do unconstitutional things any more than it can do it themselves. This practice is ostensibly laundering censorship via coercion and, sadly, cooperation between government and Big Tech.

As much reform is needed in Big Tech, there also needs to be major reform in “Big Government” to keep the Federal (and in this case, State) government out of the free speech of its citizens. A hefty fine per infraction to the Big Tech companies would be a great start to this much needed paradigm shift towards restoring the free speech rights of all Kansans. There also needs to be a separate investigation into the censorship practices being utilized by the Kansas government as well.

I fully endorse Senate Bill 50 and hope it passes out of committee and onto the floor for a vote.

Thank you for your time,

Thad Snider

Attached articles and graphic for reference:

- 1) <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/11/update-facebook-twitter-suspend-accounts-posted-benfords-law-showing-bidens-implausible-vote-totals-labeling-sexual-exploitation/>
- 2) <https://www.uncoverdc.com/2023/01/14/the-6-most-shocking-recent-revelations-of-government-censorship/>
- 3) <https://www.uncoverdc.com/2023/01/10/new-discovery-in-missouri-v-biden-flaherty-directing-censorship-for-white-house/>
- 4) <https://kanekoa.substack.com/p/elon-musk-slams-cisa-censorship-network>
- 5) Epoch Times “Twitter Files” Graphic Illustrating the extensive censorship network coordination between government and Big Tech