

Honorable Mike Thompson
Chair, Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Kansas Capitol, Room 144 South
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Proponent Written and oral Testimony, SB50, February 1, 2023

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee:

Testifying today in support of SB50 is something I never imagined would be necessary in this country and I am hoping you agree! How is this bill even necessary when we have a Constitution that guarantees us inalienable rights that include freedom of speech?

I know many believe a business can do what a business wants to do but surely you do not believe that a business has the right to censor public discourse when it's not abusive, vulgar or slanderous. Social media is the stage of public conversation in the 21st Century and this bill is meant to address the internet censorship that has occurred over the past three years of orchestrated social media chaos where certain media giants shut down individuals and groups who did not share their views. It did not matter whether those concerns were over health freedom, election fraud, academic abuses or other topics, they were censored.

Such censoring often involved anyone who disagreed with certain popular scientific narratives promoted by pharmaceutical giants along with governmental organizations such as the CDC. Many censored topics included, "do masks stop the spread of disease?" or, "were various drugs and vaccines actually tested, as safe and effective?" This stifling of public discourse resulted in many scientists, doctors and the public health officials being silenced and even prosecuted for having a differing opinion. There is no denying that the shutdown of discourse denied people access to finding the truth which, in my opinion, caused untold injury and death.

One such local story that everyone in this hearing probably know is the story of one of your colleagues who lost sight in his right eye after taking the vaccine. He shared with me that he wished he would have known the dangers of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine before he submitted to it but such information was not available to him.

When you took your oath of office, you swore to uphold the United States Constitution. Please join with me now to ensure that all Kansans enjoy freedom of speech guaranteed to us by that document. Your support of SB50 will further protect our freedom to NEVER again be silenced by our government with the aid of corporate entities in the place of public discourse.

I ask that you recommend SB50 for approval by this committee.

Respectfully,
Debbie Mize
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Proponent