

Dear Twitter:

In your rush to censor your users for using speech you disagree with, we write to caution that you may be censoring yourself.

We, the undersigned, are both state and national organizations who represent millions of Americans who all hold to the truth that a person's biological sex cannot be changed. And we will continue to speak this truth freely.

You recently locked out Focus on the Family's *The Daily Citizen* from their Twitter account for speaking this truth. We all stand beside Focus on the Family. So, if you ban them, are we next?

The end result may be that Twitter has banned so many of its own users, the platform becomes irrelevant. We appreciate the ways Twitter has created a new, innovative vehicle for honing in on the heart of a message, spreading the word about important news or issues quickly, and helping users share or refine their messages together. We would hate to see that innovation go dark as the robust exchange of ideas becomes a stagnant echo chamber.

We conclude with a parting thought—one that you and other thought leaders who do *not* share our views have taught us: Closed-mindedness and forced homogenization don't win hearts and minds to ideas. Rather, sharing stories, conversation and real relationship-building are far more effective.

You were right. We have learned that lesson and stand ready to assist you in restoring your platform as a welcoming and open environment where users can connect, agree, disagree, and improve each other's views.

Sincerely,

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