

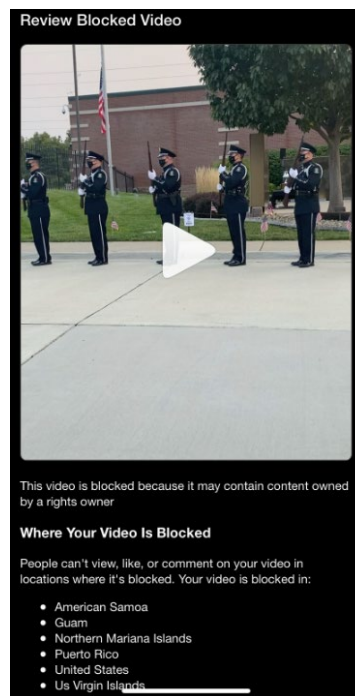
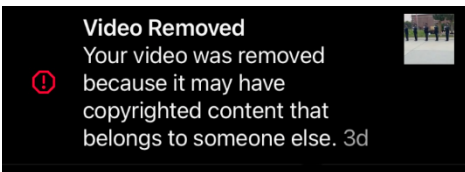
Chairman Thompson & Members of the Committee ,

I am writing you as a proponent for Senate Bill 50.

Having been witness and victim to online censorship in what I deem to be a “public square”, I feel it appropriate to place safeguards on our First Amendment rights. I normally take the stance that the government should stay out of my business, but when a violation of rights are occurring on a mass scale, intervention is required.

Freedom of speech has been on under heavy attack for the past several years, as have all our rights. Free speech is a core tenet of our democratic republic and necessary for the ACTUAL truth to be heard. It keeps people and governments accountable, necessary for innovation, cooperation and preserves equality.

Just a few days ago I was censored on Instagram. Saying I didn't have rights to my own content. It was a video of the 9/11 ceremony at the memorial in Overland Park. I was there with Kansas Senators and local officials. This post was a symbol of freedom, and yet I was censored. There was no copyright violation, it was the bagpipes and content it symbolized that was censored.



I implore you approve SB50.

Regards,

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