

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO



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September 13, 2023  
Miss Linda Yaccarino, CEO,  
Mr. Elon Musk, CTO,  
% CT Corporation System  
Registered Agent for Twitter Inc. n/k/a X Corp.  
7700 E Arapahoe Rd.  
Suite 220  
Centennial, CO 80112

Re: Cease and Desist Notice for Suspension of Account

Dear Miss Yaccarino and Mr. Musk,

We write this letter to bring your attention to the ongoing suspension of our account by Twitter, n/k/a X Corp. As the representatives of the party, and concerned citizens of the United States of America and of the state of Colorado, we must express our deep concerns about the censorship of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, and the infringement of the party's right to free speech and equal protection.

Your platform, while widely utilized for public discourse has been engaged in a systematic pattern of censoring and suppressing the content of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, which culminated in the suspension of the @LPCO account on July 6th, 2023, and the denial of our appeal on July 7th, 2023. This unjust action by your company is a clear violation of your terms of service and, considering that X holds itself out as a "global town square," an infringement of our constitutional rights and the principles of free expression that underpin the democratic political process of our Republic.

Our records confirm the following historical sequence of events:

1. **Establishment of the Account:** The Libertarian Party of Colorado (@LPCO) established its

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Twitter account in January 2009;

2. Verification Details: On March 30, 2023, @LPCO paid for account verification. Subsequently, the account was officially verified on April 6th, 2023;

3. Content Posting: On March 20, 2023, and again on June 21, 2023, tweets were posted on @LPCO, which later became the subject of content moderation disputes; and,

4. Account Suspension: On July 6, 2023, at precisely 7:02 AM, the Libertarian Party of Colorado (@LPCO) received a notification from Twitter, indicating the account's suspension due to alleged violations of Twitter's Rules, specifically the accusation of "Violating our rules against violent speech." The communication did not provide specific tweets or content as evidence of said violation.

In light of the above, the following communication and appeals took place between the parties:

1. Initial Notification: On July 6, 2023, at precisely 7:02 AM, the Libertarian Party of Colorado (@LPCO) received an official notification from Twitter about the account's suspension due to alleged violations of Twitter's Rules against "violent speech." However, the communication did not specify the content leading to the suspension;

2. First Appeal and Subsequent Interactions: Following the suspension, an immediate appeal was made to Twitter, emphasizing @LPCO's significance as the representation of the 3rd largest political party in the US. This appeal also sought clarification on the specific content that was deemed in violation;

3. Reiteration of Twitter's Policy: In each appeal made, reference was made to Twitter's exceptions to the violent speech rule, arguing that any content from the @LPCO account should be considered under the lens of "figures of speech,

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satire, or artistic expression" and "expressing a viewpoint rather than instigating actionable violence or harm." In a subsequent communication, Twitter recommended visiting their Help Center or creating a new case, even though the matter in question was the ongoing suspension of @LPCO without clear justification;

4. Twitter's Final Update: On the morning of July 7, 2023, Twitter acknowledged the receipt of the appeal and mentioned a potential delay due to a high volume of requests. Later on July 7, 2023, Twitter responded by maintaining their decision, asserting that upon their review, they found the account to be in violation and would therefore uphold the suspension decision without offering specific details on the violating content or any further insights into their judgment process. Again, no specific content was provided as evidence nor was a detailed explanation provided for why they didn't consider the exceptions in their policy.

We assume you understand that the Libertarian Party of Colorado, like other political organizations, has a legitimate interest in expressing its views, engaging in public debate, and advocating for its members and constituents. This ongoing discriminatory censorship of our party's content by the suspension of our account on X has severely impeded our ability to exercise our fundamental rights and engage in a fair political process with equal access to the public space and town square. This biased and discriminatory treatment has resulted in a significant disadvantage for our party and its members—while other political groups enjoy unrestricted access to the platform.

Your company's actions have caused irreparable harm and ongoing damage to our party and members. Every minute that the Libertarian Party of Colorado's @LPCO account remains suspended from public access, the party continues to incur incalculable damage by our inability to communicate with the over 15,000 followers who are seeking to support our political candidates and interact with the party generally. The

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current condition of the @LPCO account suspension not only harms the Libertarian Party and its candidates in their outreach and fundraising efforts, but also harms each and every registered voter in Colorado who has the right to a fair and unbiased political process.

Accordingly, we hereby demand, upon receipt of this notice, that X immediately cease and desist its ongoing censorship of the Libertarian Party of Colorado and take the necessary steps to restore our party's access to the platform. We request a written response on or before Friday, September 29th, 2023, outlining your actions taken to rectify the situation, prevent any further civil rights violations, and safeguard the interests of our party and members.

Failure to comply with this notice to rectify this situation will leave us with no choice but to explore all available legal remedies, including legal proceedings to seek damages and injunctive relief.

We hope that X will recognize the severity of the situation and take immediate corrective actions to uphold your own terms of service, the principles of free speech, equality and fairness that are essential to a free society.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to a prompt response. Sincerely,

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**Attachments:**

- Your Twitter account has been suspended, July 6th, 2023
- An update regarding your account, July 7th, 2023
- About your Twitter account 0329806131, July 7th, 2023
- Case# 0329806131\_ Your account is suspended or locked, July 7th, 2023 - Case# 0329806131\_ Your account is suspended or locked, July 7th, 2023