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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McConnell and Speaker Johnson,

Our federal government never should have spent time and taxpayer money on censoring conservatives. Fortunately, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) passed by the U.S. House of Representatives contains a provision to right this wrong. We write to strongly urge you to keep Section 1532 of the House bill, which prohibits funding for the blacklisting of news sources based on their political views.

As Rep. Richard McCormick uncovered during hearings for the NDAA, organizations like NewsGuard and the Global Disinformation Index (GDI) work to silence conservative media outlets that disagree with the liberal agenda.

For example, the Media Research Center found that NewsGuard repeatedly scored liberal sites in the 90+ range while giving an absurd average rating of 66 to conservative sites. GDI is no better, with a history of blacklisting conservative outlets like the New York Post, The Daily Wire, Real Clear Politics, and The Federalist.

Despite NewsGuard's obvious bias the government continues to fund its efforts, bankrolling a payout of $750,000 from the Department of Defense. Similarly, GDI received significant State Department funding, at least until its unconstitutional actions were exposed by the Washington Examiner.
That which government is constitutionally prohibited from doing, it cannot contract with others to do. Please ensure that Section 1532 is preserved in the final version of the NDAA.

Sincerely,

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