

OPPOSE TEXAS SB 12

SB 12 authorizes lawsuits against social media platforms that remove a “viewpoint” posted by users– even if the post is offensive, abusive, or obscene.

Examples of “viewpoints” that are protected from removal by SB 12:

- ★ Under SB 12, if Lakewood Church removes a user post with pornographic or pro-abortion content on the Church’s YouTube page, the user can sue YouTube and the Church to have the post restored.
- ★ Texas legislative leaders recently said that anti-Semitic platforms have no place in Texas and do not represent Texas values. But SB 12 would prevent social media platforms from censoring anti-Semitic content, such as holocaust denial. A user could sue the platform and force the restoration of such abhorrent content.
- ★ If the Republican Party of Texas or Texas Democratic Party were to remove offensive comments posted on the pages they manage on social media platforms, SB 12 authorizes the Attorney General and private citizens to file lawsuits against the social media platforms to have the content restored.

Social media platforms rely on the ability to set community standards for users to combat fraud, elder financial abuse, human trafficking, religious or ethnic persecution, and other forms of hate speech and offensive or obscene content.

**Oppose SB 12 when it comes before the Senate,
so that social media platforms can continue to remove toxic user posts
that are offensive, obscene, and abusive to Texans.**