## Dear Public Outreach Director:

We are writing to inform you of a situation that aligns with your past efforts and to ask for your help.

We are volunteers from The Alliance Of Independent Newspapers and Publishers (The Alliance). The Alliance was formed in 2002 and has had a decade long working relationship with Wordpress. We have helped thousands of newspapers start thousands of online news sites. We have brought some of the largest volumes of users and readers to Wordpress. We have sponsored thousands of servers, hosting and education services for "main-stream" reporters to go indie and start their own online papers. Among other things, the publishers, writers and blogger contributors are highly dedicated to the bipartisan termination of corruption. The Alliance has put both corrupt DNC and GOP individuals in prison, and terminated their government jobs and corrupt organizations. Our work has launched FBI raids, epic and successful public interest law-suits, the disclosure of felony-class abuse of power, and other large format law enforcement activities. We report to senior agents at the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies. We account for a large part of Wordpress sites since Wordpress was created but when our publishers and public users posted one story that offended a Wordpress investor/politician, Wordpress suddenly turned into the most Machiavellian censors ever seen. The public does not really go for censorship and violations of the U.S. Constitution like that. Neither do our members. The article that news syndicates posted was called: "THE BIG DEAL" and it detailed trillions of dollars embezzled from U.S. taxpayers relative to corrupt Afghanistan mining deals.

On August 12, 2016 Wordpress attacked us, our readers and public decency, overall by deleting thousands of websites that had published this article using WP Manage, ScribeFire and 1-to-1 handposting on websites.

Wordpress arbitrarily took down thousands of our members public news sites on orders from campaign financiers who fear the loss of their control of their own manipulated media.

Wordpress violated paid contracts with Wordpress, SLAPP Laws, Freedom of the Press rights, Fair Use Doctrine, Creative Commons standards and engaged in fraud, RICO violations, interference and many abuses of the public trust.

Additionally, many of those sites were being used for ongoing reports to federal law enforcement including the FBI, GAO, FTC, SEC, EU, OSC, IG and other agencies; thus Wordpress is interfering with a criminal investigation.

The take-downs are so voluminous, arbitrary and synchronized that they prove that this was a targeted attack and massive censorship effort, by Wordpress staff

Our publishers were too good at their jobs and they exposed criminal activities which Wordpress sought to cover up. No court or public opinion poll on Earth will tolerate that. Law enforcement, consumer rights groups and our own investigators will NEVER tolerate that.

Many of The Alliance members have terminated multi-billion dollar corrupt companies, dirty AG's, racketeers, hubris-ridden illicit tech moguls and illegal business Cartels. Some of the members law suits have set national legal precedents. Wordpress's massive take-down of many publishers's, ( and the public's, since most of the newspapers were public news WIKI's like Reddit and Voat ) rights is a violation of First Amendment, SLAPP, Freedom of the Press, Fair-Use of free public news centers. It

was illegal and audacious. Wordpress staff made up arbitrary, nonsense reasons about their concurrent take-downs of thousands of newspapers.

Wordpress told each publisher, news site and website, about a news paper article that appeared on many news sites:

"Your site has been suspended for containing content that we consider to be spam, which we define as content created with the primary purpose of mass solicitation or increasing traffic of third-party sites. Content that falls into these categories includes, but is not limited to, unwanted promotional content, duplicate content, and content written for gaming search engines. This is a violation of our User Guidelines and our Terms of Service."

There was no "spam" on any of the sites. Wordpress refuses to provide either a link or a screen-shot with the "spam" circled.

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The only promotions on the sites were the promotion of Wordpress and Wordpress's own ads to its third party sites placed there by Wordpress.

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The only outside links were from the ADS that WORDPRESS put on those sites to make money from those publishers.

There was only news which Wordpress campaign financiers wanted hushed-up.

Many of the sites used Wordpress's own multi-site publishing tool which Wordpress promotes for multi-site authoring. Wordpress is acting more like the Russian Mafia than an "American free speech resource", as the executives define Wordpress.

We wrote to Wordpress, via a collaboratively authored email:

"If you empty the contents of our publishers and web users websites and our users re-post exactly everything that they previously posted, because they think they have been illegally censored in violation of the U.S. and California State Constitutions, will you attack and kill those websites again because some posters used the same words?"

"If we re-post the United States Constitution on every one of the Wordpress sites using SCRIBEFIRE or WP Manage or Other Multi-Site posting efficiency software will you attack and kill the sites again because "Duplicate content" can be found on each site?"

"Do you consider duplicate postings of the United States Constitution to be "Spam"?"

"Do you consider duplicate news stories that cover felony crimes by financiers of Wordpress to be "Spam"?"

"Do you consider duplicate news stories that you do not agree with to be "Spam"?"

"Please identify any links or data that you state are "spam". Please state how you intend to compensate our publishers and their readers for the millions of dollars in damages your coordinated attack on us is costing us?"

WORDPRESS refused to answer. We have friends that work at WORDPRESS and they tell us a campaign financier associated with WORDPRESS ordered the take-down of all of these websites.

As a public utility now regulated by the Federal Government, isn't WORDPRESS breaking the law and violating our rights and breaching our contract?

Wordpress gets tax benefits, public access perks, tax shelters, and other financial benefits because it holds itself out as a public interest community service.

When the "public interest service" suddenly turns into a mercenary censor of the news on behalf of crooked covert financial backers, it loses all of it's rights and credibility.

We are all volunteers.

Can your organization help right this wrong?

The Alliance Of Independent Newspapers and Publishers (The Alliance)

(We would give you our website in this signature line but Wordpress also took it down, too)

BCC, and Complaints filed with:

Freedom of the Press Foundation Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press ACLU

**Electronic Freedom Foundation** 

Press Freedom on All Platforms | UNESCO

Wikileaks.Org

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism

The Center for Public Integrity

**Truthout** 

MuckRock News Center

The National Security Archive

The UpTake

The Guardian Tips Line

World Audit Press Freedom

Committee to Protect Journalists

IFLA -- Intellectual Freedom & Human Rights Organisations

World Press Freedom Committee | WPFC

Transparency.org

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The U.S. Congress

Department of Justice FTC

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