



House of Representatives

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PERSI Board of Trustees
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Dear Board of Trustees,

We the undersigned legislators are requesting that the Board carefully reconsider where state employees' retirement monies are being invested. As Representatives and Senators for hard working Idaho public and private citizens, it is our duty to raise concerns for public citizens whose retirement monies are being invested in companies who do not value free speech, regardless of point of view, for all citizens of the United States.

As you are likely aware, large tech and social platform-based companies including Twitter, Google, Amazon, Apple, and Facebook have censored free speech and the free exchange of ideas by many groups and citizens. Currently \$661,042,000 of Idahoans PERSI funds have been invested in these platforms. By investing PERSI monies in these platforms, PERSI Board members make a conscious decision to use Idaho taxpayer dollars to support the practices of these companies in censoring the political and religious speech of Idahoans.

We would strongly encourage the Board to divest from these companies. We are confident the Board can find other companies to invest in that will not pose a compromise to the values of all the members who contribute their hard-earned monies to PERSI.

Sincerely,

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