

To: Meta Platforms, Inc.
From: Lawyer Alexander Amashukeli
Re: Restriction on Facebook account
Date: 2024.04.25

Dear Meta Platforms, Inc.,

I am writing to address the recent restriction placed on the Facebook account of my client, George Gagnidze, the head of the Change Georgia political party (fb page - Change Georgia: 2316552778578622, case ID: 857086926175667) an important player in the upcoming 2024 parliamentary elections in Georgia.

Upon reviewing the circumstances surrounding Mr. Gagnidze's account suspension, it has become apparent that Meta Platforms, Inc. has infringed upon his freedom of speech by imposing an overly harsh penalty for a seemingly innocuous joke posted on his Facebook page during a visit to Bali Island several months ago.

Under United States law, particularly the First Amendment of the Constitution, freedom of speech is a fundamental right that must be protected, especially within the context of political discourse and election campaigns. The arbitrary and disproportionate action taken by Meta Platforms Inc. not only undermines Mr. Gagnidze's ability to engage with the electorate but also poses a threat to the integrity of the democratic process in Georgia.

It is imperative that Meta Platforms, Inc. reconsiders its decision to ban Mr. Gagnidze from the platform for nearly one year, as such punitive measures have far-reaching consequences, particularly during a crucial electoral period. Failure to do so will leave us with no choice but to pursue legal action against your company, seeking redress for the damages incurred as a result of this unjustified restriction on our client's freedom of expression.

While we recognize that Meta Platforms, Inc. operates as a private entity, we must emphasize that your platform serves as a vital medium for political communication and public discourse, wielding significant influence over the dissemination of information and the shaping of public opinion. With great power comes great responsibility, and it is incumbent upon Meta Platforms, Inc. to uphold the principles of free speech and democratic participation, consistent with the standards expected of governmental bodies.

We trust that Meta Platforms, Inc. will recognize the gravity of this situation and take immediate steps to rectify the injustice inflicted upon Mr. Gagnidze. We remain hopeful that this matter can be resolved amicably and expeditiously, without the need for protracted legal proceedings.

Sincerely,
Lawyer Alexander Amashukeli