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October 12, 2020

The Honorable Senator Rick Scott
United States Senator
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

RE: United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
subpoena to hold big tech CEOs accountable.

Twitter continues to be an extremely important way that businesses, organizations and individuals across the world consume and share information. As you know, authorities recently arrested a 17-year-old Tampa resident for allegedly conning people throughout the nation by perpetrating the "Bit-Con" hack of high-profile Twitter accounts. Immediately following the news of the hack, I requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) investigate Twitter and work with federal agencies to identify the state's risk-level from the security breach.

In preparation for your hearing with big tech CEO's, and as part of the congressional record, I have included the report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) which states, "This specific security breach, in which dozens of accounts were accessed and used without proper authorization, appears to be the result of a Twitter employee being bribed or coerced to give bad actors access to specific accounts." This revelation is extremely alarming, and I am concerned of the potentially disastrous impacts to financial markets if leaders of publicly traded companies are targeted successfully by hackers. Clearly, Jack Dorsey is not taking security seriously which is especially concerning as we work to get Florida back on its feet in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring all Floridians are protected from online fraud and to making big technology leaders answer for their actions and failure to provide proper security for their customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Patronis".

Jimmy Patronis
Chief Financial Officer

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