

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 2, 2021

Mr. Mark Zuckerberg
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Facebook, Inc.
1 Hacker Way
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Mr. Zuckerberg:

We write with grave concern about this weekend's shut down of Dodger Stadium, one of the largest COVID-19 vaccination centers in the nation, by a group of anti-vaccination individuals who organized the effort on Facebook.¹ Despite your pledge to remove content containing misinformation about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, and also misinformation about the coronavirus itself, a page on your platform with almost 3,000 followers was allowed to organize this weekend's action.²

California is currently being ravaged by COVID-19. Among those affected, communities of color, immigrant communities, frontline low-wage workers and other vulnerable communities bear the brunt of the pandemic. In response, the vaccination center at Dodger Stadium has been administering as many as 8,000 vaccine shots a day. It is crucial to the fight against COVID-19, and to ensuring society can move beyond this pandemic, that such public health efforts are not interrupted. Any disruption to similar mass vaccinations sites can easily lead to unnecessary infections and deaths.

In response to this reality, and out of concern that anti-vaccination activists may view this weekend's incident as an example of how to disrupt similar public health efforts across the country, we wish to know the following:

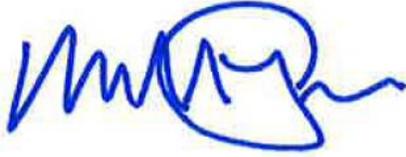
- 1) How was this effort allowed to organize on Facebook through a page with almost 3,000 followers that linked to websites devoted to the baseless "Plandemic" narrative and misinformation pertaining to mask-wearing efficacy; and
- 2) What new actions, specifically, are you taking to ensure similar pages and efforts on Facebook are found and removed?

¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/02/01/dodgers-anti-vaccine-protest-facebook/>

² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/12/03/facebook-covid-vaccine/>

Lives are literally hanging in the balance of your corporate actions and decisions, you must do more. Congress is closely watching your response. We will not hesitate to act in this matter should it be required.

Sincerely,

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Mark Pocan
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jimmy Gomez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress