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Good afternoon, Mike--

Great talking to you just now and looking forward to catching up when I'm back in DC.

As discussed, my boss, Dept. Ass't Sec'y Adam Candeub (CC'd), is strategizing about how best to present the NTIA's petition to the FCC re CDA 230. We hope that FCC rulemaking will uphold press and communication freedoms while restraining social media companies from behavior that, absent certain case law re CDA 230, would be illegal.

As you know, this is a hot issue right now, not merely per the President's major social media executive order, but also (1) Senator Cruz's [recent actions re Twitter](#), coming out of his long-standing concerns about the [partiality and bias](#) emerging from social media's de facto content creation via moderation, promotion and demotion, and (2) Senator Hawley's new [social media bill](#).

We therefore hope that there might be some way of engaging with Ms. Ingraham on our piece of this issue. Any additional support we might be able to obtain could help to get the FCC on board more quickly and thereby ensure a freer, fairer social media landscape going into the elections this fall. This is of concern both to the presidency and also [down-ballot](#), and given the emerging role of social media as a replacement for mass media, our democracy will be weakened if we cannot respond to this issue quickly and effectively.

If you have some time tomorrow, I'd love to talk further about this, whether re engaging with Ms. Ingraham or generally for our own planning. Hope you had a happy Father's Day and all best for the coming week.

Regards,
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