

CHAD PRATHER,

Plaintiff,

v

META PLATFORMS, INC., formerly
known as FACEBOOK, INC.,

Defendant.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

352nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

After considering Plaintiff's application for temporary restraining order, the pleadings and evidence, the Court finds there is evidence that harm is imminent to Plaintiff, and if the Court does not issue the temporary restraining order, Plaintiff will be irreparably injured because he will be unable to effectively campaign in the final days of the Republican primary election for governor.

Plaintiff uses social media, including Facebook, to communicate with his supporters and potential voters. For Defendant to deprive Plaintiff of one of his primary means of campaigning in the final days of an election will irreparably harm Plaintiff by depriving him the opportunity to reach potential voters.

Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law because monetary damages are not sufficient or available to remedy the potential loss of an election from inability to effectively campaign through social media, which is Plaintiff's primary way of communicating with his supporters and potential voters.



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It is, therefore, ORDERED that Defendant is restrained from censoring Plaintiff's account on Facebook. Defendant shall immediately remove all current restrictions from Plaintiff's Facebook account. Defendant is restrained from further censoring Plaintiff's account in any manner subject to the specific exceptions set forth in Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 143A.006 for matters of sexual exploitation, criminal activity, specific threats of violence, etc.

It is further, ORDERED, that this order shall remain in effect until the hearing on Plaintiff's application for temporary injunction, which shall be set for not later than March 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to determine whether this temporary restraining order should be made a temporary injunction pending a full trial on the merits.

Bond shall be set at \$100.00.

Signed on February 25, 2022, at 4:48 a.m./p.m.



PRESIDING JUDGE

Form of order respectfully submitted by,

/s/ Paul M. Davis

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