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June 3, 2022

Ms. Emma Lewis
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Re: Public Information Request No. R012726

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This e-mail is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), received by the OAG on May 25, 2022.

The OAG has reviewed its files and has located the attached document that is responsive to your request. Although the Public Information Act allows a governmental body to charge for providing documents in certain circumstances, the attached document is being provided to you at no charge.

The OAG believes the remaining information responsive to your request is excepted from required public disclosure. We have requested a ruling on this information from the Open Records Division of the OAG. A copy of our brief to the Open Records Division is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact publicrecords@oag.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Lauren Downey
Assistant Attorney General
Public Information Coordinator
Office of the Attorney General

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Bill Morrow
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Sent via email

March 10, 2022

Dear Mr. Morrow:

DirecTV recently announced its plan not to renew its contract with One America News Network when it expires this April. You cited a “routine internal review” as the basis for ending your relationship.

This is highly troubling and disappointing. Not just because this is an unwise business decision, but because you are masking what is obviously viewpoint discrimination with neutral corporate-speak; your decision was certainly not based on a “routine internal review.”

Rather, your cancelation of OAN comes after a crescendo of powerful leftwing voices demanded that you take action against them. A recent press release from Media Matters gets to the heart of the yearlong coordinated attack against OAN:

Since February 2021, Media Matters has been campaigning to get OAN’s current cable providers to drop the channel and to prevent prospective providers from picking up the channel. Previously documented OAN’s noxious coverage includes a deadly TV campaign against COVID-19 vaccines, hateful anti-LGBTQ content, and a network-wide assault on elections meant to hype bogus claims of fraud and overturn the 2020 results.

Obviously, these inflammatory accusations against OAN are ridiculous. And even if they weren’t—that is, even if OAN were more accurately construed as simply representing a different perspective from the legacy media’s liberal orthodoxies—that’s precisely what your majority owner AT&T wanted when it signed OAN: viewpoint diversity. Those values appear to have changed dramatically in late 2020 when the legacy media decided Joe Biden was the next president.

My fellow attorneys general and I strongly recommend that you reconsider your present course and renew your contract with OAN in April. Your failure to do so will not only cause you to lose millions of dollars in business, but also drive many millions of Americans to simply cancel your services outright, as President Trump and other leading figures have already called for.

Americans deserve a diversity of voices in their news. I urge you to do the right thing and ensure that they get it.

For Liberty and Justice,



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