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23 Jewish Leaders Sign Letter to AT&T, DirecTV and TPG Over NEWSMAX Cancellation

Miami, Fla. – A group of 23 major Jewish community leaders from across the United States sent a letter this week to AT&T questioning and challenging its recent removal of the NEWSMAX channel from DirecTV.

On January 24, 2023, AT&T's DirecTV deplatformed NEWSMAX from 13 million of its customer homes, denying the channel to millions of Americans, including many Jewish Americans, who rely on the network for its news coverage.

The letter was signed by significant members of the Jewish community who have spent decades in the areas of public policy faith and social justice, including Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue, Malcolm Hoenlein, Alan Dershowitz, former ADL head Abraham Foxman, Senators Joe Lieberman and Norm Coleman, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Republican Jewish Coalition's Matt Brooks, and ZOA President Mort Klein, among many senior leaders.

“We are deeply disappointed and troubled that the nation's 4th highest-rated cable news network, and a stalwart ally of Israel, covering the issues of concern to American Jews, was removed by AT&T,” said Bryan Leib, a community leader who previously headed Iranian-Americans for Liberty. Leib is the spokesman for the group of signatories.

Leib added: “Considering the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in the U.S., we believe NEWSMAX is needed now more than ever.

“We believe now is the time for AT&T to reverse this decision and put NEWSMAX back on air,” Leib said.

The community letter was addressed to AT&T CEO **John Stankey**, AT&T Board Chairman **William Kennard**, DirecTV CEO **William Morrow**, and TPG CEO **Jon Winkelried**. AT&T is the major owner of DirecTV controlling 70% of the company, with financial firm TPG holding 30%.

The letter specifically asks these executives if they plan to return NEWSMAX to their systems.

A full copy of the signed letter is attached.

February 7, 2023

John Stankey
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William Morrow
Chief Executive Officer
DIRECTV
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William Kennard
Chairman
AT&T
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John Winkelried
Chief Executive Officer
TPG Capital
301 Commerce Street
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Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned leaders of the Jewish community throughout the U.S, write to you to express our serious concern about your decision to remove NEWSMAX from DirecTV systems.

As leaders in our community we represent millions of Jewish Americans. NEWSMAX has been a crucial way for us to reach our fellow Americans to share our perspectives on anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, the State of Israel and other matters important to our community.

Fair coverage of issues of concern, including coverage of the State of Israel, has been difficult to find in major media. In fact, many in the media have turned a blind eye to the sharp and dangerous rise of anti-Semitism in America.

NEWSMAX, however, has been an invaluable voice. Numerous Jewish figures, Rabbis and others are frequent guests on NEWSMAX and are not found on other networks. We have found NEWSMAX has offered fair coverage of Jewish issues and Israel -- and has served as an important platform for us to speak out against the dangerous rise of anti-Semitism.

We are asking you to re-consider your decision to remove NEWSMAX. We believe that AT&T benefits by keeping NEWSMAX on air. By removing this channel, your companies will lose significant support from the Jewish community.

In closing, we want to thank you for reviewing this letter. As we are considering next steps, we are asking for you to let us know if you plan to return NEWSMAX or if your decision is final.

Please direct your response to our representative, Bryan E. Leib at bryan.leib.nrg@gmail.com and he will communicate your response to us.

Respectfully submitted,



Rabbi Arthur Schneier
Park East Synagogue



Abraham Foxman
Fmr. National Director
Anti-Defamation League



Malcolm Hoenlein

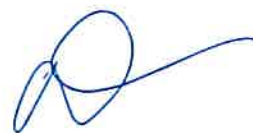
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Joseph Lieberman
U.S. Senator (1989-2013)



Alan Dershowitz
Professor Emeritus,
Harvard Law School



David Friedman
Fmr. US Ambassador to Israel



Morton A. Klein
National President, Zionist
Organization of America



Matt Brooks
CEO, Republican
Jewish Coalition



Josh Hammer
Opinion Editor, Newsweek



Norm Coleman
U.S. Senator (2003-2009)



Jason Greenblatt
Fmr. White House Special
Envoy to Middle East



Len Khodorkovsky
Fmr. Asst. Deputy Secretary
of State



Dov Hikind
Americans Against
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Rabbi Steven Burg
Aish HaTorah



Rabbi Boruch Wolf
Chabad at The Medical Centers



Rabbi Yoel Schonfeld
Coalition for Jewish Values



Rabbi Yaakov Menken
Coalition for Jewish Values



Rabbi Mark Wildes
Manhattan Jewish Experience



Rabbi Aryeh Spero
Conference of Jewish Affairs



Thane Rosenbaum
Touro University



Rabbi Yitchock Tendler
Young Jewish Conservatives



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