To whom it may concern,

I would like to point out the recent effect the first amendment had in the present time. For example in the most recent election people had freedom of speech to say whatever they'd like about the results. If it were not for the first amendment that would not be possible. The first amendment plays a big part in the election.

Freedom of speech should stay the way it is. If people were not able to say what they wanted how would different opinions be put out in the world? An even better question would be, how would we say what we wanted online, in person, and in many other places as well? If we did not have freedom of speech to choose whatever or whomever we'd like, how would we get anything done in general. By having freedom of speech in the election people could vote for President Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, or even not vote at all. People were able to be happy or sad about how the election turned out. People had the right to say a few bad words if needed or to jump up and down in celebration. What I'm saying is that if freedom of speech were to get taken away the world would be a very different place for the worse. While some people may say, "Wouldn't it be for the better, because people would not be able to say something that may hurt someone". Well as that might be true it would still be worse because even though someone can't say something to hurt another person, no one would be able to share different opinions online, as well people would not be able to be happy or sad about different results. So Although there is one good reason for the first amendment to be taken away or rid away with, there are so many more reasons as to why it should stay.

In conclusion, The first amendment has had an effect on present time just as much as it did when it first became a thing, and will hopefully continue to have the effect it's had for the rest of history. Thanks for reading

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