

# **EXHIBIT 20**



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# WP Engine Reprise

I've heard from [WP Engine](#) customers that they are frustrated that WP Engine hasn't been able to make updates, plugin directory, theme directory, and Openverse work on their sites. It saddens me that they've been negatively impacted by [Silver Lake's](#) commercial decisions.

[On WP Engine's homepage](#), they promise "Unmatched performance, automated updates, and bulletproof security ensure your sites thrive."

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