

# **EXHIBIT 8**

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Matt Mullenweg, CEO of Automattic, has misused his control of WordPress to interfere with WP Engine customers' access to [WordPress.org](https://WordPress.org), asserting that he did so because WP Engine filed litigation against [Wordpress.org](https://WordPress.org). This simply is not true. Our Cease & Desist letter was a letter – not a lawsuit – and was directed at Automattic for Matt's pattern of serious and repeated misconduct – behavior that must stop for the health and stability of the entire community.

Matt Mullenweg's unprecedented and unwarranted action interferes with the normal operation of the entire WordPress ecosystem, impacting not just WP Engine and our customers, but all WordPress plugin developers and open-source users who depend on WP Engine tools like ACF. We are taking immediate steps to remediate the impact of this action. We remain steadfastly committed to supporting WP Engine customers, users, and the entire WordPress community.

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