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One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

October 7, 2021

VIA US and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Custodian of Records for Stop the Steal, LLC c/o George B. Coleman, Registered Agent



Dear Mr. Coleman:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol ("Select Committee") hereby transmits a subpoena that compels the records custodian of Stop the Steal, LLC ("STS LLC"), an entity incorporated in Alabama for which you are the registered agent, to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying Schedule by October 14, 2021.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021.

The investigation has revealed credible evidence of the involvement of STS LLC in the events within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry. According to documents provided to the Select Committee, a purported organization named "One Nation Under God" submitted a permit application on or about December 21, 2020, to the United States Capitol Police ("USCP") for a rally to be held on the U.S. Capitol Grounds in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 2021, about "the election fraud in the swing states." Nathan Martin's phone number and email address were listed among the contact information for "One Nation Under God," and the listed mailing address is the same address provided on the personal website of Ali Alexander (also known as "Ali Abdul Razaq Akbar" and "Ali Abdul Akbar") soliciting donations to be mailed to him. A vendor who was also listed on the permit application informed the USCP that he was reporting to Messrs.

¹ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

² Documents on file with the Select Committee.

³ Compare Documents on file with Select Committee with https://www.alialexander.org/donate.

Martin and Alexander, and identified them both as being with Stop the Steal ("STS").⁴ STS advertised the Capitol rally event on at least two of its websites (<u>stopthesteal.us</u> and <u>wildprotest.com</u>) and on these same websites sought donations to offset expenses for January 6th.⁵ However, the permit application did not disclose any connection between STS and the Capitol rally event. Further, when a USCP official spoke by telephone with Mr. Martin on or about December 28, 2020, Mr. Martin claimed not to have any information about the rally and directed the official to speak with the vendor.⁶ According to the USCP official, the vendor was "shocked" to learn this because he was in "daily communication" with Mr. Martin about the event.⁷

After the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol, Mr. Alexander released a statement on stopthesteal.us acknowledging that Stop the Steal had obtained the permit "for our 'One Nation Under God' event." Mr. Alexander explained that it was the intention of Stop the Steal to direct attendees of an earlier rally on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on January 6th held by Women for America First and "sponsored" by Stop the Steal to march at the conclusion of that rally to Lot 8 on the U.S. Capitol Grounds, which is the location for which the USCP granted the permit for the "One Nation Under God" rally. 9 Yet the permit application estimated the event would have only 50 attendees. 10

According to press reports, in the weeks before the January 6th attack, Mr. Alexander made repeated reference during Stop-the-Steal-sponsored events to the possible use of violence to achieve the organization's goals and claimed to have been in communication with the White House and Members of Congress regarding events planned to coincide with the certification of the 2020 Electoral College results.¹¹ Indeed, Mr. Alexander reportedly spoke at a rally on January 5, 2021,

⁴ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

Documents on file with the Select Committee; WILD PROTEST, www.wildprotest.com (Dec. 23, 2020) [https://web.archive.org/web/20201223062953/https://wildprotest.com/] ("President Trump wants you in DC January 6" and that they "must take to the US Capitol lawn and steps to tell Congress #DoNotCertify on #JAN6!"); STOP THE STEAL, www.stopthestealus.com (Dec. 27, 2020) [https://web.archive.org/web/20201227191329/https://stopthesteal.us/] (displaying promotional video for "WildProtest.com" and directing visitors toa donation link to "Help Offset Jan 6 Expenses"). According to that donation website, Stop the Steal had raised more than \$183,000 by January 6th. STOP THE STEAL, *January 6 - Wild Protest - US Capitol, https://donorbox.org/january-6-wild-protest-us-capitol">https://web.archive.org/web/20210106005123/https://donorbox.org/january-6-wild-protest-us-capitol">https://web.archive.org/web/20210106005123/https://donorbox.org/january-6-wild-protest-us-capitol].

⁶ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

⁷ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

⁸ Ali Alexander, Statement on Illegitimate Impeachment and January 6th, https://stopthesteal.us/statement.

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¹⁰ Documents on file with the Select Committee.

¹¹ Olivia Little, "Stop the Steal" Organizer Bragged About a Phone Call with "People from the White House" Weeks Before the Insurrection, (Media Matters, Jan. 29, 2021), https://www.mediamatters.org/january-6-insurrection/stop-steal-organizer-bragged-about-phone-call-people-white-house-weeks.

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held by the Eighty Percent Coalition at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., and led the crowd in a chant of "victory, or death." ¹²

STS LLC appears to be a corporate entity affiliated with Mr. Alexander and Stop the Steal. The Terms of Service on <u>stopthesteal.us</u>, which website Mr. Alexander allegedly called "the home of the rebellion against an illegitimate government," specifically refer to STS LLC. ¹⁴ The registered agent of STS LLC is a member of the law firm, the Baron Coleman Law Firm, that Mr. Alexander reportedly has acknowledged represents him. ¹⁵ And the registered agent reportedly acknowledged that Mr. Alexander "set up" STS LLC. ¹⁶

Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks documents and a deposition from the custodian of records for STS LLC regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee's inquiry. A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson

Chairman

¹² Jack Brewster, *Jan. 6 Rally Organizer Ali Alexander Reappears And Urges Followers To 'Gather Together Once Again To Fight'* (Forbes.com, June 14, 2021), https://www.forbes.com/sites/jackbrewster/2021/06/14/jan-6-rally-organizer-ali-alexander-reappears-and-urges-followers-to-gather-together-once-again-to-fight/?sh=53dfc8d3bc24.

¹³ Complaint, ¶ 130, Smith, et al. v. Trump, et al., (D.D.C. 1:21-cv-02265-APM), ECF No. 1.

¹⁴ https://stopthesteal.us/terms.

¹⁵ Michael Edison Hayden, *Law Firm Tied to Far-Right Fringe Registers Stop the Steal LLC in Alabama* (Southern Poverty Law Center—Hatewatch, December 18, 2020), https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2020/12/18/law-firm-tied-far-right-fringe-registers-stop-steal-llc-alabama (linking to Business Entity Records on STS LLC available on website for Alabama Secretary of States, https://arc-sos.state.al.us/cgi/corpdetail.mbr/detail?corp=821150).

¹⁶ Soo Rin Kim, Funding Behind "Stop the Steal" Movement Shrouded in Mystery (ABC News, Feb. 24, 2021), https://abcnews.go.com/US/funding-stop-steal-movement-shrouded-mystery-due-lack/story?id=76052632.