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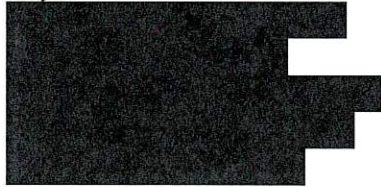
One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

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

November 22, 2021

VIA US and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Taylor Budowich



Dear Mr. Budowich:

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 you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by December 6, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on December 16, 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 Select Committee’s investigation and public reports have revealed credible evidence of your involvement in and knowledge of the events within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry. According to information provided to the Select Committee and press reports, you solicited a 501(c)(4) organization to conduct a social media and radio advertising campaign to encourage people to attend the rally held on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, in support of then-President Trump and his allegations of election fraud.¹ The Select Committee has reason to believe your efforts included directing to the 501(c)(4) organization approximately \$200,000 from a source or sources that was not disclosed to the organization to pay for the advertising campaign.² Press reports indicate that Caroline Wren may have been involved in

¹ Information on file with the Select Committee; Joaquin Sapien and Joshua Kaplan, *Top Trump Fundraiser Boasted of Raising \$3 Million to Support Jan. 6 “Save America” Rally*, ProPublica (Oct. 18, 2021), <https://www.propublica.org/article/top-trump-fundraiser-boasted-of-raising-3-million-to-support-jan-6-save-america-rally>.

² Information on file with the Select Committee.

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facilitating the transfer of some or all of those funds to the 501(c)(4) organization.³ President Trump spoke at the January 6th rally shortly before the attack on the Capitol, urging the crowd to “fight much harder” and to “stop the steal.” A Stop the Steal website promoting the rally mirrored this messaging, and directed attendees to march to the Capitol:

Fight to #StopTheSteal, with President Trump

On January 6, 2021, millions of Americans will descend upon Washington DC to let the establishment know we will fight back against this fraudulent election.

Take a stand with President Trump and the #StopTheSteal coalition and be at The Ellipse (President’s Park) at 7am. The fate of our nation depends on it.

At 1:00 PM, we will march to the US Capitol building to protest the certification of the Electoral College.⁴

Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks documents and a deposition 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

³ Joaquin Sapien and Joshua Kaplan, *Top Trump Fundraiser Boasted of Raising \$3 Million to Support Jan. 6 “Save America” Rally*, ProPublica (Oct. 18, 2021), <https://www.propublica.org/article/top-trump-fundraiser-boasted-of-raising-3-million-to-support-jan-6-save-america-rally>.

⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20210106065452/https://marchtosaveamerica.com/> (emphasis added).