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

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Mr. Henry “Enrique” Tarrío
Proud Boys



Dear Mr. Tarrío:

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 schedules by December 7, 2021 and to appear for a deposition on December 15, 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, politics, 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, as well as the influencing factors that fomented such an attack on American representative democracy while engaged in a constitutional process.

The investigation and public accounts have revealed obtained credible evidence of your involvement, and the involvement of the Proud Boys, in the events within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry. You became Chairman of the Proud Boys in November 2018, and on June 28, 2021, you announced that you would step down in September 2021.¹

On December 12, 2020, you were in Washington, D.C. to protest the results of the 2020 presidential election. During that protest you burned a “Black Lives Matter” banner stolen from the Asbury United Methodist Church.²

Indictments returned by a federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., indicate that on December 19, 2020, a Stop the Steal protest event was announced for January 6, 2021.³ On

¹ *Some Proud Boys Are Moving To Local Politics As Scrutiny Of Far-Right Group Ramps Up*, NPR, June 28, 2021, <https://www.npr.org/2021/06/28/1010328631/some-proud-boys-are-moving-to-local-politics-as-scrutiny-of-far-right-group-ramp>.

² *A Proud Boys Leader Who Burned a Black Lives Matter Flag Gets 5 Months in Jail*, NPR, Aug. 23, 2021, <https://www.npr.org/2021/08/23/1030430809/proud-boys-enrique-tarrío-sentence>.

³ *United States v. Nordean et al.*, First Superseding Indictment, D.D.C., Criminal No. 21-cr-175 (TJK), Mar. 10, 2021, available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1377586/download>.

December 29, you posted the following message on Parler: “We will not be wearing our traditional Black and Yellow. We will be incognito and will spread across downtown DC in smaller teams ... who knows ... we might dress in all BLACK for the occasion.”⁴

On January 4, 2021, you were arrested for the December 12, 2020, burning of a “Black Lives Matter” banner and barred from entering the District of Columbia on the following days. Though you were prevented from participating in the events at the United States Capitol on January 6th, to date, at least 34 individuals affiliated with the Proud Boys have been indicted by the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) in relation to the attack at the United States Capitol. Certain Indictments returned against Proud Boys members describe prior planning and coordination, including efforts to fundraise for “[p]rotective gear and communications.”⁵ Furthermore, video evidence plainly demonstrates that Proud Boys members are involved in the January 6th attack.⁶

Prior to January 6, 2021, Proud Boys members engaged in violent conduct across the country, including at the December 12, 2020, rally, as well as a November 14, 2020, rally in Washington, D.C.⁷ While the Proud Boys have had a history of violent rhetoric and engaging in acts of violence,⁸ Proud Boys leaders advanced pointed, specific calls to violence related to the November 3, 2020, election leading up to January 6, 2021.⁹

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,



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Chairman

⁴ *Proud Boys Say They’ll “Be Incognito” During January 6 Trump Rallies in DC*, WASHINGTONIAN, Dec. 31, 2020, <https://www.washingtonian.com/2020/12/31/proud-boys-say-theyll-be-incognito-during-january-6-trump-rallies-in-dc/>.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ DOJ releases Capitol riot videos from case involving Proud Boys, CNN (YouTube), June 22, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecwqRIUrYzI>.

⁷ *Extremists and Mainstream Trump Supporters Gather for “Million MAGA March”*, ADL, Nov. 15, 2020, <https://www.adl.org/blog/extremists-and-mainstream-trump-supporters-gather-for-million-maga-march>; *4 Stabbed and One Shot as Trump Supporters and Opponents Clash*, New York Times, Dec. 12, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/12/us/4-stabbed-and-one-shot-as-trump-supporters-and-opponents-clash.html>.

⁸ *Proud Boys*, ADL, <https://www.adl.org/proudboys>.

⁹ *Conspiracy Charges Bring Proud Boys’ History Of Violence Into Spotlight*, NPR, Apr. 9, 2021, <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/09/985104612/conspiracy-charges-bring-proud-boys-history-of-violence-into-spotlight>.