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

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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To Whom it May Concern:

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 Salesforce.com, Inc. (“Salesforce”) to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying schedule by March 9, 2022, and to designate an individual to appear for a deposition on March 16, 2022.

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, as well as the influencing factors that fomented the attack on the United States Capitol.

The Select Committee’s investigation and public reports have revealed evidence of Salesforce’s involvement in and knowledge of events within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry. Information provided to the Select Committee and public reporting indicate that during the 2020 election cycle, Salesforce provided its services to President Donald Trump’s reelection campaign and to the Republican National Committee (“RNC”).¹ Further, according to public reporting, between election day and January 6, the Trump campaign and the RNC jointly sent out hundreds of emails to supporters using a Salesforce-owned tool.²

According to public reporting, “The tenor of emails sent to [President Trump’s] supporters in the leadup to January 6 were certainly inflammatory, with nearly every email suggesting that the election was fraudulent, that Democrats had stolen the election, and that Congress needed to be pressured to overturn the results to keep Trump in power.”³ Further, according to public

¹ Jason Koebler and Joseph Cox, *Salesforce ‘Takes Action’ to Prevent RNC Emails From Inciting Violence*, VICE (Jan. 11, 2021), <https://www.vice.com/en/article/pkdmddv/salesforce-takes-action-to-prevent-rnc-emails-from-inciting-violence>.

² Id.

³ Id.

reporting, “[e]very email ask[ed] supporters to donate money, often with a matching component.”⁴ On January 6 at 1:24 p.m., the Trump campaign sent the following email: “We have the TRUTH ... **TODAY will be a historic day in our Nation’s history.** ... Every single Patriot from across the Country must step up RIGHT NOW if we’re going to successfully DEFEND the integrity of this Election. President Trump is calling on YOU to bolster our **Official Defend America Fund.**”⁵ Less than 30 minutes later, President Trump’s supporters breached the gates of the U.S. Capitol.

There is evidence suggesting that numerous defendants charged with violations related to the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol and others present on the Capitol grounds that day were motivated by false claims about the election.⁶ Further, in the aftermath of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, Salesforce acknowledged that “there remains a risk of politically incited violence across the country.”⁷ In light of that risk, Salesforce stated, “The Republican National Committee has been a long-standing customer, predating the [Trump] Administration, and we have taken action to prevent its use of our services in any way that could lead to violence.”⁸

The Select Committee is seeking information from Salesforce regarding whether and how the Trump campaign used Salesforce’s platform to disseminate false statements about the 2020 election in the weeks leading up to the January 6th attack. 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 is attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
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⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*; Trump Fundraising Emails (@TrumpEmail), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 1:31 PM) <https://twitter.com/TrumpEmail/status/1346887173438636032?s=20> (bold in original).

⁶ Allan Smith, *Capitol riot suspects ramped up donations to Trump after his election defeat*, NBC NEWS (Mar. 24, 2021), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/capitol-riot-suspects-ramped-donations-trump-after-his-election-defeat-n1261431>; see also *United States v. Grayson*, No. 1:21-mj-00163 (D.D.C.) Statement of Facts (Jan. 25, 2021; ECF No. 1-1), <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.226545/gov.uscourts.dcd.226545.1.1.pdf>; *United States v. Fitzsimons*, 1:21-cr-00158 (D.D.C.), Motion to Revoke Detention Order and for Pretrial Release (Aug. 27, 2021; ECF No. 34), <https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/fitzsimmons-motion-pretrial-release.pdf> (noting that the defendant in that case “believed voter fraud had occurred” and that “Convinced that the election results had been fraudulently reported, he was moved by the words of then-President Trump to travel to the District of Columbia for the “Save America Rally”).

⁷ Jason Koebler and Joseph Cox, *Salesforce ‘Takes Action’ to Prevent RNC Emails From Inciting Violence*, VICE (Jan. 11, 2021) <https://www.vice.com/en/article/pkdmdiv/salesforce-takes-action-to-prevent-rnc-emails-from-inciting-violence>.

⁸ *Id.*; Zoe Schiffer, *Salesforce says it has taken action against the RNC, but won’t say how*, THE VERGE, (Jan. 11, 2021), <https://www.theverge.com/2021/1/11/22225936/salesforce-stop-rnc-sending-emails-incite-violence>.