



One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

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

May 2, 2022

Representative Mo Brooks
United States House of Representatives
2185 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Brooks:

On June 30, 2021, the House adopted House Resolution 503, establishing the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (the “Select Committee”). The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating thereto. The Select Committee has tremendous respect for the prerogatives of Congress and the privacy of its Members. At the same time, we have a solemn responsibility to investigate fully the facts and circumstances of these events.

We write today regarding your recent public statements regarding conversations with former President Donald Trump. You recently made the following public comment in a televised program: “The President [Trump] has asked me to rescind the election of 2020. He always brings up, ‘we’ve got to rescind the election. We’ve got to take Joe Biden down and put me in now.’”¹ Likewise, in a recent press release, you made the following statements:

President Trump asked me to rescind the 2020 elections, immediately remove Joe Biden from the White House, immediately put President Trump back in the White House, and hold a new special election for the presidency. As a lawyer, I’ve repeatedly advised President Trump that January 6 was the final election contest verdict and neither the U.S. Constitution nor the U.S. Code permit what President Trump asks. Period.²

As you know, the Committee is examining a series of efforts by President Trump to abandon his solemn duty to support and defend our Constitution. The exchange you have disclosed with the former President is directly relevant to the subject of our inquiry, and it appears to provide additional evidence of President Trump’s intent to restore himself to power through unlawful means.

We would like to meet with you soon, but we also want to accommodate your schedule. We propose meeting with you the week of May 9, 2022. Please let us know whether one of those dates will fit with your schedule. If you are unavailable that week, we can arrange an

¹ WATCH: Senate Candidate Mo Brooks Sits Down for a One-on-One Interview, CBS 42 Morning News (Mar. 24, 2022), <https://www.cbs42.com/news/watch-senate-candidate-mo-brooks-sits-down-for-a-one-on-one-interview/>.

² Statement by Mo Brooks, Mo Brooks for U.S. Senate (Mar. 23, 2022), <https://mobrooks.com/statement-by-mo-brooks/?msclkid=42bfb8e6c7b911ec8a1e30cba13b164d>.

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alternative time to meet. If it would be preferable to hold this meeting with you in your district, we would also be glad to explore travel arrangements to facilitate that option.

The Select Committee's purpose is to make informed legislative recommendations taking account of all relevant facts, to protect our Constitution and the peaceful transition of power. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Cheney". The signature is cursive and elegant, with the first name being the most prominent.

Liz Cheney
Vice Chair