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THE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
REMAINING QUESTIONS SURROUNDING JANUARY 6, 2021

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September 18, 2025

Mr. Arthur Ahrens
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Dear Mr. Ahrens:

The Select Subcommittee to Investigate the Remaining Questions Surrounding January 6, 2021, is conducting oversight of the events that occurred at the Capitol and the response and subsequent investigations conducted by various law-enforcement entities. According to the Statements of Disbursements of the House of Representatives, the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (January 6th Select Committee) received services from Polar Solutions.¹ As such, we believe that you may possess documents and footage critical to our oversight and we request your voluntary cooperation with our inquiry.

Last Congress, an investigation led by then-House Administration Oversight Subcommittee Chairman Barry Loudermilk found that the January 6th Select Committee left video footage unaccounted for and that many documents were missing or deleted.² For example, the January 6th Select Committee failed to archive over one terabyte of digital data³ and former Select Subcommittee Chairman Bennie Thompson conceded that he withheld footage of witness interviews and depositions.⁴ To date, Representative Thompson has failed to account for the missing footage and data.

¹ H.R. Doc. No. 117-107, at 2952-53 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 117-130, at 2855-56 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 117-146, at 3022-25 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 118-5, at 2720 (2023); H.R. Doc. No. 118-27, at 3323-24 (2023).

² STAFF OF H. ADMIN. S. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT, 118TH CONG., INTERIM REPORT ON THE FAILURES AND POLITICIZATION OF THE JANUARY 6TH SELECT COMMITTEE 14 (Comm. Print 2024), https://cha.house.gov/_cache/files/6/d/6dae7b82-7683-4f56-a177-ba98695e600d/145DD5A70E967DEEC1F511764D3E6FA1.final-interim-report.pdf.

³ In a letter to Chairman Loudermilk, Rep. Thompson stated that “over 4-terabyte[s]” of digital data was archived by the Select Committee. Letter from Bennie Thompson, Representative, to Barry Loudermilk, Chairman, the Comm. on H. Admin. Oversight S. Comm. (July 7, 2023) (on file with the Subcommittee). When the Subcommittee accessed the data, however, it found that less than three terabytes of digital data was actually preserved. *Id.* at 14.

⁴ Letter from Bennie Thompson, Representative, to Barry Loudermilk, Chairman, Comm. on H. Admin. Oversight S. Comm. (July 7, 2023) (on file with the Subcommittee).

Polar Solutions conducts financial investigations and provides management and training programs.⁵ Between July 2022 and March 2023, the January 6th Select Committee paid Polar Solutions over \$2.7 million for “Consultant Contract Services.”⁶ Due to the extensive services Polar Solutions provided to the January 6th Select Committee, we believe that Polar Solutions possesses information that is necessary to further our oversight. Accordingly, please produce the following documents and information for the period from July 1, 2021, to the present:

1. All documents, including any copies of transcripts or cell data, provided to Polar Solutions employees by Members, staff, or others associated with the January 6th Select Committee;
2. All documents Polar Solutions provided to the January 6th Select Committee;
3. All video and audio footage received by Polar Solutions pertaining to the events of January 6, 2021, including but not limited to video recordings of witness interviews, transcribed interviews, and depositions; and
4. All video and audio footage recorded or produced by Polar Solutions for the January 6th Select Committee.

Please produce the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2025. Furthermore, this letter serves as a formal request to preserve all existing and future records and materials relating to the topics addressed in this letter. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that are or may be responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using your official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

H. Res. 605 authorized the Select Subcommittee “to conduct a full and complete investigation and study and issue a final report of the events surrounding January 6, 2021 regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary under clause 1(l) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.”⁷ Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over criminal law enforcement and criminal justice matters in the United States to inform potential legislative reforms.⁸

⁵ *About Us*, POLAR SOLUTIONS, <https://polarsolutionsinc.com/about-us/> (last visited Mar. 14, 2025).

⁶ H.R. Doc. No. 117-107, at 2952-53 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 117-130, at 2855-56 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 117-146, at 3022-25 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 118-5, at 2720 (2023); H.R. Doc. No. 118-27, at 3323-24 (2023).

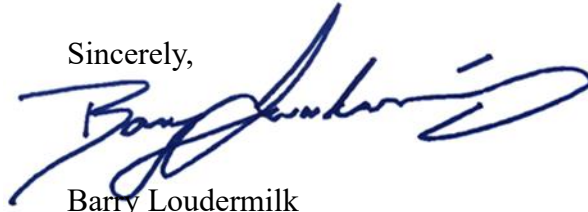
⁷ H. R. 605, 119th Cong. (§) 1(a)(1) (2025).

⁸ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, 119th Cong. (2025).

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Loudermilk", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Loudermilk
Chairman
Select Subcommittee to Investigate
the Remaining Questions
Surrounding January 6, 2021

cc: The Honorable Eric Swalwell, Ranking Member, Select Subcommittee to Investigate the
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