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REMAINING QUESTIONS SURROUNDING JANUARY 6, 2021

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Dear Mr. Amsterdam:

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 Country World Productions, Inc. (CWP).¹ Verbit has since acquired CWP.² As such, we believe that you may possess footage and documents 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.³ For example, the January 6th Select Committee failed to archive over one terabyte of digital data⁴ and former

¹ H.R. Doc. No. 117-130, at 2855 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 117-146, at 3022 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 118-5, at 2719 (2023).

² Danielle Chazen, *Verbit Acquires U.S. Captioning Company, the Closed Captioning Provider for National TV Networks*, VERBIT, <https://verbit.ai/our-news/verbit-acquires-u-s-captioning-company-the-closed-captioning-provider-for-national-tv-networks/> (last visited Mar. 18, 2025); Country World Productions Inc., LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/company/country-world-productions-inc-/> (last visited Mar. 18, 2025) (CWP's LinkedIn profile lists website: <http://www.countryworldproductions.com>, which redirects to the Verbit website: <https://verbit.ai/vitac-rebrand/>).

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

Select Subcommittee Chairman Bennie Thompson conceded that he withheld footage of witness interviews and depositions.⁵ To date, Representative Thompson has failed to account for the missing footage and data.

The January 6th Select Committee held ten hearings throughout 2022.⁶ At the time of the hearings, CWP offered closed captioning and advertising services.⁷ From April through October 2022, the January 6th Select Committee regularly compensated CWP for “Stenographic Reporting.”⁸ Due to the services CWP provided to the January 6th Select Committee, we believe that CWP 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 video and audio footage received by CWP pertaining to the events of January 6, 2021, including but not limited to video recordings of witness interviews, transcribed interviews, and depositions;
2. All video and audio footage recorded or produced by CWP for the January 6th Select Committee;
3. All documents, including any copies of transcripts, provided to CWP employees by Members, staff, or others associated with the January 6th Select Committee; and
4. All documents CWP provided to 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

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.

⁵ Letter from Bennie Thompson, Representative, to Barry Loudermilk, Chairman, Comm. on H. Admin. Oversight S. Comm. (July 7, 2023) (on file with the Subcommittee).

⁶ Todd Mason, *The Project of a Lifetime*, BROADCAST MANAGEMENT GROUP (Jan. 24, 2023), <https://broadcastmgmt.com/live-production/the-project-of-a-lifetime-january-6th/>.

⁷ Country World Productions Inc., LinkedIn, *supra* note 2.

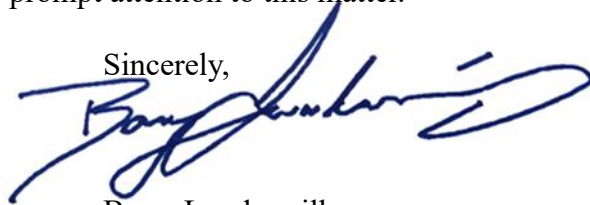
⁸ H.R. Doc. No. 117-130, at 2855 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 117-146, at 3022 (2022); H.R. Doc. No. 118-5, at 2719 (2023).

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rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.”⁹ 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.¹⁰

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", written in a cursive style.

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 Remaining Questions Surrounding January 6, 2021

⁹ H. R. 605, 119th Cong. (§) 1(a)(1) (2025).

¹⁰ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X, 119th Cong. (2025).