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

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Kelli Ward



Dear Dr. Ward:

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 schedule by March 1, 2022, and to appear for a deposition on March 8, 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.

The Select Committee seeks information from you on a narrow range of issues. We have sincere respect for your privacy, and we are not seeking information about your political views or your efforts in the 2020 presidential campaign more generally. Nevertheless, we have a solemn responsibility to investigate fully the facts and circumstances of these events and, based on publicly available information and information produced to the Select Committee, we believe that you have documents and information that are relevant to the Select Committee’s investigation.

For example, in the days after the Associated Press and Fox News declared that now-President Biden had won the presidential election in Arizona, you reportedly sent text messages to an Arizona election official in which you said “[w]e need you to stop the counting,” asked the official to contact a lawyer representing the Trump campaign, and said “I know you don’t want to be remembered as the guy who led the charge to certify a fraudulent election.”¹ You also

¹ Brahm Resnik, 12NEWS, ‘*Stop the counting*’: Records show Trump and allies pressured top Maricopa County officials over election results (July 2, 2021) available at <https://www.12news.com/article/news/politics/stop-the-counting-records-show-trump-and-allies-pressured-top-maricopa-county-officials-over-election-results/75-61a93e63-36c4-4137-b65e-d3f8bde846a7>.

apparently spoke with former President Trump and members of his staff about election-certification issues in Arizona.² In addition, after the election you sent out messages suggesting that the November 2020 election had been “stolen” and posted a video advancing unsubstantiated theories of election interference by Dominion Voting Systems along with a link to a donation page to benefit the Arizona Republican Party.³ On December 14, 2020, you apparently acted as a purported Electoral College elector to meet and ultimately transmit to Congress a set of alternate Electoral College votes, which you described as “represent[ing] the legal voters of Arizona.”⁴ And, after former President Trump and others encouraged Vice President Pence and members of Congress to prevent or delay the certification of the Electoral College votes during the Joint Session of Congress, and during the attack on the United States Capitol, you wrote on Twitter, “Congress is adjourned. Send the elector choice back to the legislatures.”⁵ We would like to better understand these, and other, statements, events that you witnessed or in which you participated, and communications we believe you may have had with national, state, and local officials about the outcome of the November 2020 election.

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,



Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

² Documents on file with the Select Committee.

³ Jennifer Medina, THE NEW YORK TIMES, *The Arizona G.O.P. Is Sticking With Trumpism, Whether Arizona Republicans Like It or Not* (January 19, 2021) available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/19/us/politics/arizona-republicans-trump.html>; Republican Party of Arizona, “AZGOP Chairwoman EXPOSES Dominion Voting Software” available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZm8tIE5t4>.

⁴ Documents on file with the Select Committee; Tweet @kelliwardaz (December 14, 2020) available at <https://twitter.com/kelliwardaz/status/1338596143807123457>.

⁵ Tweet @kelliwardaz (January 6, 2021) available at <https://twitter.com/kelliwardaz/status/1346916956801179649>.