



## One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

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

August 30, 2021

Mr. Sundar Pichai  
CEO  
Google LLC  
Alphabet, Inc.  
1600 Amphitheater Parkway  
Mountain View, CA 94043

Dear Mr. Pichai:

Pursuant to House Resolution 503, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol is examining the facts, circumstances, and causes of the attack and relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend corrective laws, policies, procedures, rules, or regulations.

As Chairman, I request that you direct that Alphabet, Inc., preserve records relating to certain individuals who hold or have held accounts with your company from April 1, 2020, to January 31, 2021.

The Select Committee seeks the preservation of these records as part of its examination of the violent attack on the Capitol and the broader context of efforts to delay or interfere with the peaceful transfer of power following the 2020 election. The Select Committee specifically requests that you preserve information you may possess about individuals whom the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and/or the District of Columbia has charged with crimes associated with the attack; individuals who were listed on permit applications or were otherwise involved in organizing, funding, or speaking at the January 5, 2021, or January 6, 2021, rallies in the District of Columbia relating to objecting to the certification of the electoral college votes; and individuals potentially involved with discussions of plans to challenge, delay, or interfere with the January 6, 2021, certification or otherwise attempt to overturn election results, in the days preceding and up through the attack.

The attached document lists the individuals whose records the Select Committee seeks to preserve. Inclusion of any individual name on the list should not be viewed as indicative of any wrongdoing by that person or others. The document identifies individuals who may have relevant information to aid the factfinding of the Select Committee. The list indicates where court filings in DOJ proceedings or other public accounts associated with these individuals have identified specific numbers, email addresses, or social media account names. Where there is no such information indicated, the Select Committee requests that you preserve records in your custody associated with the name of the listed individual. Lastly, the Select Committee requests that you

maintain the confidentiality of this document and the personal identifying information included therein.

The Select Committee requests that you preserve metadata, subscriber information, technical usage information, and content of communications for the listed individuals. With respect to each account held by your company, please preserve records from April 1, 2020, through January 31, 2021, specifically including (if applicable):

1. Google Account: subscriber information, including all information referenced in 18 U.S.C. 2703(c)(2); and recent activity logs and connected devices;
2. Google Email (Gmail): messages, including drafts and emails located in trash and spam;
3. Google Pay: account information and transactions;
4. Google Calendar: calendar events, changes to events, and information on all attendees or invitees;
5. Google Contacts: all contact files, including any identifying information, notes, and indications of frequency or existence of contact;
6. Google Photos: photos, videos, and albums, and associated metadata;
7. Google Drive: all files, including but not limited to documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, and associated metadata, and any access logs and accompanying information;
8. Google Keep: titles and notes;
9. Google Hangouts and Chats: messages, attachments such as photos, read receipts, and all associated metadata;
10. Location history: location data and deletion records;
11. My Activity: searches and browsing activity, including Web and App Activity, Google Assistant, and Google Home;
12. Google Voice: basic subscriber information, call log, forwarding number, text messages and voicemails;
13. YouTube: registration email, channel ID, display name, IP logs, activity logs (related to posting, commenting, liking, or deleting), and account registration information;
14. Android: records for Android devices, including subscriber information, other associated accounts, cellular carrier information, and device/hardware information;
15. Google Play: purchases and applications downloaded; and
16. Google Ads: account information, searches, actual or planned campaigns, copies of draft, submitted, or placed ads, targeting criteria selected or reviewed, requests for assistance or advice, and all associated metadata.

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The Select Committee also requests that you do not disable, suspend, lock, cancel, or interrupt service to these subscribers or accounts solely due to this request. If you are not able or willing to respond to this request without alerting the subscribers or the accounts, please contact the Select Committee prior to proceeding.

As the Select Committee continues its work, we anticipate delivering to you document requests for more specific categories of information. Your immediate efforts to identify and preserve these documents is therefore essential.

If you have questions, please contact Select Committee investigative staff at 202-225-7800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bennie G. Thompson  
Chairman