



One Hundred Seventeenth Congress

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

August 30, 2021

Mr. Laurent Therivel
President and CEO
U.S. Cellular
8410 West Brynmawr Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Mr. Therivel:

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 U.S. Cellular 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. Cell Site Location Information:** Please preserve cellular location information for the wireless number(s) associated with each named individual and related device(s) that pertains to the following: cell tower locations (include Nortel, Lucent, Samsung, Motorola, Ericsson Towers, Switch info, NEID/Repolls, EVDO, and Range to Tower (RTT)), the azimuth for the sectors with a three-sector configuration accessed during the device registrations or communications of the wireless number(s) or device(s) (outgoing/incoming calls, outgoing/incoming SMS or MMS, Internet Protocol or IP Gateway registries and IP usage). In addition, please preserve other network-collected and stored location information such as historical GPS locations, historical handset location data, handset triangulation data (Network Event Location System). Please include any indications of, and cellular tower location for, roaming or registration information outside of the wireless number's designated home location registry (HLR) and its typical visitor location registry (VLR), specifically when there is out of state registrations, along with network attach and detach indicators. If the wireless number(s) or device(s) accessed network towers not belonging to your company, please provide any indicators of neighboring hand-off to those towers if applicable. Lastly, please preserve any locations, physical addresses, or grid coordinates that are indicators of cellular extending devices, wifi calling, or other means of call assist technology that has a paired or revealed location.
- 2. Call Data Records and Content:** Please preserve cellular call data records for the wireless number(s) associated with each named individual and related device(s) that pertains to the following: communications of the wireless number(s) and related device(s), including calls (incoming/outgoing), SMS/MMS messaging (incoming/outgoing), and data communications over the cellular network. For calls, please include any information regarding forwarded or routed calls. For SMS/MMS messaging, please include the content of those messages. For data communications, please include the IP address number assigned to the wireless number(s) and device(s) during the communication. Please include all timestamps, durations, bytes sent/received, and ports used while including the attachment and detachment of those records. Please reveal any indicators of WiFi usage and WiFi SSIDs/BSSIDs if provided.
- 3. Cloud or Stored Content:** Please preserve stored content and other stored data records for the wireless number(s) associated with each named individual and related device(s) that pertains to the following: voicemail, SMS, MMS, and IP Data connections. Please preserve the metadata assigned to this content, including incoming phone number, requested IP addresses, timestamps, durations, and bytes sent/received. Lastly, include any cloud services associated with the number(s).

4. **Reference Material:** Please preserve reference documents that pertain to the following: Carrier Key, Data Dictionary, or Detailed Definitions page related to call detail, text messages, data connections, IP logs, IP Sessions, web site and/or application connections, and cell site, enode, and switch information. Please also preserve a Cellular Site Key which provides the locations of the cellular towers registered, accessed, communicated with and detached by the wireless number; and minimum/maximum coverage area of those cellular towers if applicable. Please include the Data Dictionary for the cell site attributes and terminology.
5. Please preserve subscriber information for the mobile number(s) associated with each named individual, including:
 - a. name, tax identification number (social security number or employer identification number);
 - b. physical address(es), mailing address(es), residential address(es), business address(es), e-mail address(es) and any other address information;
 - c. email addresses associated with this device, specifically including Google Gmail addresses associated with any Android device(s), or any email associated with an iPhone and/or iTunes account associated with the device(s) that is currently on file and stored in the normal course of business;
 - d. all phone numbers associated with the account(s) or billing plan(s);
 - e. billing records, including date, time, account and location of where the device or and pre-paid refill cards were purchased, if applicable;
 - f. all payments, including method, date, and time of payments, and location (*e.g.*, store name, address, and phone number of location where payment(s) were made);
 - g. all authorized users on the associated account(s) or billing plan(s);
 - h. activation date and termination date of each device associated with the account(s) and number(s);
 - i. types of service subscriber utilized (*e.g.*, Messages, friends and family, email, etc.);
 - j. make, model, serial number, ESN, MEID, and MAC address associated with the number(s);
 - k. all customer service notes, account notes, Mobile Virtual Number Operator (MVNO) notes; and
 - l. account number changes prior to and after the cell number(s) was/were activated.

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.

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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 with a large, stylized "B" and "T".

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman