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REMAINING QUESTIONS SURROUNDING JANUARY 6, 2021

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Dear Mr. Gopalan:

The Select Subcommittee to Investigate the Remaining Questions Surrounding January 6, 2021 (Select Subcommittee) is conducting oversight of the law enforcement response to and subsequent investigation of the events that occurred at or near the Capitol in relation to January 6. Throughout the 119th Congress, we have sought information regarding the pipe bombs planted near the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters on the evening of January 5, 2021, and discovered as the Congressional election certification process started around 1:00 p.m. on January 6.¹ Recently, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) apprehended a suspect, Brian Cole Jr., in the case.² The FBI, under the leadership of Director Kash Patel, identified the suspect using data the FBI had within its possession since February 2021.³ We believe T-Mobile possesses information critical to our oversight and legislative reforms. Accordingly, the Select Subcommittee is issuing a subpoena to obtain the relevant information.

The FBI's handling of the pipe bomb investigation, under the leadership of former Director Christopher Wray, stands in stark contrast to the way it handled every other violation of federal law that day. This response is surprising because had the pipe bombs detonated, that act would have been one of the most violent incidents of the day. Furthermore, though the pipe bombs did not cause physical harm, the discovery of the devices diverted significant law

¹ Letter from Hon. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Judiciary Comm., to Hon. Kash Patel, Dir., FBI (Feb. 24, 2025).

² Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Man Charged for Planting Explosive Devices outside the RNC and DNC on January 5, 2021 (Dec. 4, 2025).

³ LiveNOW from FOX, "Brian Cole Jr identified as DC pipe bomb suspect," YOUTUBE (Dec. 4, 2025), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNhjPAfo95E>; Zoom Briefing Between FBI and Congressional Members and Staff, (Dec. 5, 2025, 2:00 PM) (The briefing was facilitated by WFO ADIC Darren Cox and WFO SAC Joshua Stone).

enforcement resources away from the Capitol.⁴ Cole has been identified as a T-Mobile user.⁵ Surveillance footage depicts the suspect, alleged to be Cole, using a cell phone while in the vicinity of the DNC on the evening of January 5, and within a few minutes of planting the first device there.⁶ The FBI's Operational Updates note five times that the suspect captured on the surveillance footage was observed using a cell phone.⁷

The documents and information in T-Mobile's possession are necessary to advance our oversight and inform potential legislative reforms. Despite possessing information that was critical to identifying the alleged pipe bomber since February 2021, the Wray FBI failed to identify the suspect who planted the pipe bombs on January 5, 2021 outside of the RNC and DNC for nearly four years.⁸ In light of the Wray FBI's failures in this investigation, it is crucial that Congress consider legislative reforms to prevent the same failures from happening in the future. For example, Congress may consider legislation requiring a more thorough evaluation of a suspect's cell phone usage and may also consider legislation to improve the FBI's investigative protocol relating to discoveries of improvised explosive devices.

The Supreme Court has recognized that Congress has a "broad and indispensable" power to conduct oversight, which "encompasses inquiries into the administration of existing laws, studies of proposed laws, and surveys in our social, economic or political system for the purpose of enabling Congress to remedy them."⁹ H. Res. 605 authorizes 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."¹⁰ Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary has legislative and oversight jurisdiction over the FBI.¹¹

⁴ Written Testimony of USCP Former Chief of Police Steven A. Sund before the S. Comm. on Rules and Admin. and the S. Homeland Sec. and Gov't Affs. Comm., 117th Cong. 6 (Feb. 23, 2021), <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/imo/media/doc/Testimony-Sund-2021-02-23.pdf>.

⁵ Sadie Gurman and C. Ryan Barber, *How a tech-savvy officer finally cracked the Jan. 6 pipe-bombs case*, MSN (Dec. 14, 2025),

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/how-a-tech-savvy-officer-finally-cracked-the-jan-6-pipe-bombs-case/ar-AA1SkxEW>.

⁶ Mike Benz, (@MikeBenzCyber), X (Feb 28, 2025, 1:54 AM), <https://x.com/mikebenzcyber/status/1895366906200355054?s=51>.

⁷ Memorandum, Pipe Bomb Investigation (266O-WF-3366725) – Operational Update, FBI (Jan. 17, 2021) (on file with Subcomm.); Memorandum, Pipe Bomb Investigation (266O-WF-3366725) – Operational Update, FBI (Jan. 18, 2021) (on file with Subcomm.).

⁸ Zoom Briefing Between FBI and Congressional Members and Staff (Dec. 5, 2025, 2:00 PM) (The briefing was facilitated by WFO ADIC Darren Cox and WFO SAC Joshua Stone); Memorandum, Pipe Bomb Investigation (266O-WF-3366725) – Operational Update, FBI (Jan. 15, 2021) (on file with Subcomm.); Memorandum, Pipe Bomb Investigation (266O-WF-3366725) – Operational Update, FBI (Jan. 24, 2021) (on file with Subcomm.); Memorandum, Pipe Bomb Investigation (266O-WF-3366725) – Operational Update, FBI (Feb. 12, 2021) (on file with Subcomm.).

⁹ See, e.g., *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 591 U.S. 848, 862 (2020) (internal quotation marks and citation marks omitted).

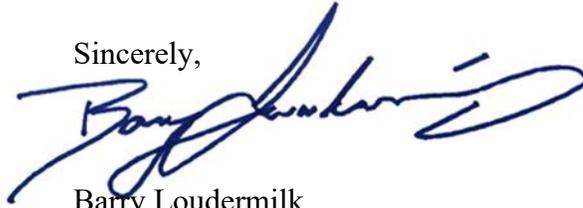
¹⁰ H. Res. 605, 119th Cong. § 1(a)(1) (2025).

¹¹ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X., cl.1(l)(7) (2025).

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Accordingly, please find enclosed a subpoena for the relevant information and data.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Loudermilk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Barry Loudermilk
Chairman
Select Subcommittee to Investigate
the Remaining Questions
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cc: The Honorable Eric Swalwell, Ranking Member, Select Subcommittee to Investigate the
Remaining Questions Surrounding January 6, 2021

Enclosure