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October 16, 2024

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

I write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on House Administration Subcommittee on Oversight (Subcommittee), which has jurisdiction over the safety and security of the United States Capitol.¹ I respectfully request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) respond in writing to the following questions pursuant to the Subcommittee's oversight responsibilities over the security of the U.S. Capitol Complex. Your written responses to the following questions will assist the Subcommittee in conducting a review of the events of January 5, 2021, and January 6, 2021, in conducting appropriate oversight of the investigations of those days, and in ensuring the safety and security of the United States Capitol Complex.

In June of 2023, during a transcribed interview with the House Committee on the Judiciary, Mr. Steven D'Antuono, the former Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, testified that the FBI received "corrupted" data from one of the major cell carrier companies related to the FBI's investigation into the individual who planted two explosive devices near the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Republican National Committee (RNC) on the night of January 5, 2021.² Mr. D'Antuono also suggested that the corrupted data may have contained the identity of the suspect. He testified:

"We did a complete geofence. We have complete data. Not complete, because there's some data that was corrupted by one of the providers, not purposely by them, right. It just – unusual circumstance that we have corrupt data from one of the providers. I'm not sure – I can't remember right now which one. But for that day, which is awful because we don't have that information to search. So could it have been that provider? Yeah, with our luck, you know, with this investigation it probably was, right."

As you may know, the Subcommittee is conducting an investigation into the events of January 5 and January 6, 2021. The Subcommittee is not asking the FBI to comment on any specific suspect or the means, methods, or sources of the FBI's investigation. Rather, the Subcommittee requests that the FBI provide a response to Mr. D'Antuono's claim that the FBI received corrupted data. Your written responses to the following questions will

¹ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023); Rule 17, Rules of the Committee on House Administration for the 118th Congress.

² H. Comm. on Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of Mr. Steven D'Antuono at 41 (June 7, 2023).

assist the Subcommittee in conducting a review of the events of those days and in ensuring the safety and security of the United States Capitol Complex.

I, therefore, ask that you respond in writing to the following questions:

1. Did the FBI receive corrupted or otherwise unusable cellular data returns from one or more of the cell carriers in connection with the investigation into the individual who planted two explosive devices at the RNC and DNC on the evening of January 5, 2021?
 - a. If so, which cell carrier(s) provided corrupted data to the FBI?
 - b. If so, how was the cellular data transmitted to the FBI? (Drop Box, Hard Drive, file transfer, etc.)
 - c. If so, was any third-party entity involved in transmitting the cellular data to the FBI?

2. If the FBI received corrupted or otherwise unusable cellular data returns, did the FBI inform the cell carrier(s) that provided corrupted data that the data they provided was corrupted or otherwise unusable?
 - a. If so, did the FBI make any attempt to obtain an uncorrupted or otherwise usable version of the data? Please describe in writing the efforts made to retrieve an uncorrupted version of the data.

Please respond to the questions outlined above in writing to the Subcommittee no later than October 30, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation with this important oversight 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, sweeping underline.

Barry Loudermilk
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
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