



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6538

November 30, 2022

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman
Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th
Attack on the United States Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson:

The American people chose Republicans to lead the 118th Congress. On January 3, 2023, your work as Chairman of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol will come to an end. For those reasons, I remind you and your staff on the Committee to preserve all records collected and transcripts of testimony taken during your investigation in accordance with House Rule VII. As the Chairman, regardless of who may be directing the work of the Committee¹, you are responsible for the work done by its members and staff.

It is clear based on recent news reports that even your own members and staff of the Committee have no visibility into the totality of the investigation.² Some reports suggest that entire swaths of findings will be left out of the Committee's final report.³ You have spent a year and a half and millions of taxpayers' dollars conducting this investigation. It is imperative that all information collected be preserved not just for institutional prerogatives but for transparency to the American people. The official Congressional Records do not belong to you or any member, but to the American people, and they are owed all of the information you gathered – not merely the information that comports with your political agenda. Although your Committee's public hearings did not focus on why the Capitol complex was not secure on January 6, 2021, the Republican majority in the 118th Congress will hold hearings that do so. The American people have a right to know that the allegations you have made are supported by the facts and to be able to view the transcripts with an eye toward encouraged enforcement of 18 USC 1001.⁴

¹ Julia Mueller, *Riggleman says Cheney had 'outsized' influence on Jan. 6 committee*, The Hill (Nov. 27, 2022), <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/3752108-riggleman-says-cheney-had-outsized-influence-on-jan-6-committee/>.

² Jacqueline Alemany, Josh Dawsey & Carol D. Leonnig, *Jan. 6 panel staffers angry at Cheney for focusing so much of report on Trump*, Washington Post (Nov. 23, 2022), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/11/23/liz-cheney-jan-6-committee/>.

³ *Id.*

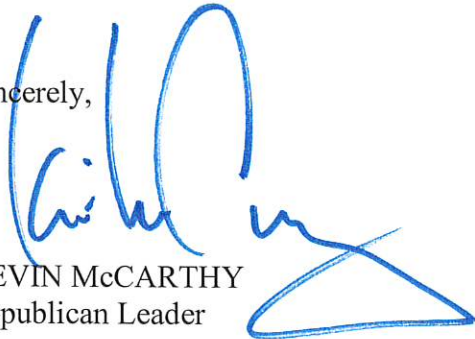
⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin McCarthy", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

KEVIN McCARTHY
Republican Leader