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12 DEPOSITION OF: KIMBERLY FLETCHER

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Present: Representative Kinzinger.

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██████████. It is 10:04 a.m. on January 14, 2022. We are here for the deposition of Kimberly Fletcher conducted by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol pursuant to House Resolution 503.

This deposition is being taken remotely via Webex. This will be a staff-led deposition. Members of the committee may choose to ask questions. At this time, I don't see that any members are present, but they may join at some point.

██████████, I will ask, if I miss someone, please feel free to prompt me if and when any members pop in, so we don't lose them when they join.

My name is ██████████. I'm an investigative counsel with the select committee. With me from the select committee are ██████████, senior investigative counsel. We also have ██████████ and ██████████, both professional staff, and our chief clerk, ██████████. And we're joined today by a few different official reporters from the Office of Official Reporters for the House.

Under the House deposition rules, neither committee members nor staff may discuss the substance of the testimony given today until and unless the committee approves its release.

Ms. Fletcher, you and your attorney will have an opportunity to review the transcript, and I will be happy to talk with your attorney about logistics at the appropriate time.

I would note that, under House rules, you may have your attorney present, which I understand you do. I understand you also have one of Mr. Citro's paralegals present, which is fine with us for today's proceeding.

Other individuals and other counsel are not and therefore -- may not be and are not here today, and the same goes with attorneys for other government agencies. So

1 that's just to say that the only attorneys involved in the deposition today are the
2 attorneys for the select committee and Ms. Fletcher's legal counsel.

3 At this time, I'd ask that Ms. Fletcher's counsel identify himself for the record.

4 Mr. Citro. Vincent Citro, representing Kimberly Fletcher.

5 And, [REDACTED] if you could direct your staff just to check. My paralegal says
6 that she is muted on your end. She can't hear anything. I don't know if that's just a
7 tech glitch. But she's checked and our IT guy says her computer speakers are on. If
8 you can --

9 [REDACTED] Sure, [REDACTED], we can check. I'm not sure that we have the ability to
10 control what she can hear, so there may be a tech issue. But --

11 Mr. Citro. Okay.

12 [REDACTED] -- we will check up on it.

13 Mr. Citro. All right. Thank you.

14 Sorry to interrupt. Go ahead.

15 [REDACTED] Sure. That's fine.

16 Just so you know, Vince, I've muted her microphone, but, like [REDACTED] said, I can't
17 see that we have the power to mute her ability to hear what we're doing.

18 Mr. Citro. Okay. Thank you.

19 [REDACTED]. We do have an official reporter transcribing the deposition today.

20 The video feed, as you also may have heard at the very beginning, is being recorded
21 through the Webex platform. Very similar, as Vince would understand, to in a civil
22 deposition if we had a camcorder going on the side during the transcription being taken.
23 But, of course, the reporter's transcription is the official record for the proceeding.

24 Because of that and also because we're conducting this remotely via video
25 conference, we'll be especially careful to wait to ask questions until you have finished

1 your response, and similarly ask, Ms. Fletcher, that you wait to respond until we're done
2 asking our question.

3 The reporter also can't note any nonverbal responses like shaking or nodding your
4 head. So it's important that you respond to each question with an audible, verbal
5 response.

6 If we run into any technical snafus along the way where people's microphones cut
7 out, I'll ask that the official reporter just interrupt us and let us know so that we can get it
8 sorted out. Hopefully, we won't run into those issues today.

9 Ms. Fletcher, as far as substance goes, we'd ask that you give complete answers to
10 the best of your recollection. If a question is unclear, please just ask for clarification. If
11 you don't know the answer, you can just say so.

12 You may refuse to answer a question only to preserve a privilege that is
13 recognized by the select committee. If you refuse to answer a question based on a
14 privilege, we may proceed with the deposition or seek a ruling from the chairman on the
15 objection. If the chairman overrules the objection, you'll be required to answer the
16 question.

17 Finally, I'll remind you, as we remind all witnesses, that it's unlawful to
18 deliberately provide false information to Congress and doing so could result in criminal
19 penalties, including under Title 18 of United States Code, section 1001.

20 As far as logistics go for the deposition today, we're happy to take breaks as you
21 may request them or as we see, you know, at appropriate times to take breaks for
22 comfort. Or if you want to speak with your attorney, we're happy to accommodate
23 that.

24 And because this deposition is under oath, we'll have you sworn in a moment.
25 But before we do that, I just want to make sure that we're all set with logistics before we

1 proceed.

2 Vince, are you good to go?

3 Mr. Citro. Yeah. We can hear you. We can see you. We're fine.

4 [REDACTED] Okay. Great.

5 Well, then I'd ask that the official reporter swear the witness in, please.

6 The Reporter. Ma'am, please raise your right hand.

7 Do you solemnly declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the
8 testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
9 truth?

10 The Witness. Yes.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q Ms. Fletcher, could you please state and spell your name for the record?

14 A Kimberly Fletcher. K-i-m-b-e-r-l-y, F-l-e-t-c-h-e-r.

15 Q Thank you.

16 We're going to show you a few exhibits during the deposition today, and we'll be
17 doing that using the screen-sharing function.

18 So, right off the bat, I'd ask that we pull up exhibit 1 to show the witness.

19 Can you see that?

20 Mr. Citro. Hold on one second. Webex has prompted us to hit some clicks to
21 go through it.

22 Okay. Now we can see it.

23 BY [REDACTED]:

24 Q This the subpoena issued by the select committee on December 9, 2021. I
25 will note that this exhibit, which is 14 pages, is the entire packet that was provided to

1 your attorney on or about that date, which includes the subpoena itself; a cover letter,
2 which is page 3 and 4 of the exhibit. It also includes on page 5, 6, and 7 a document
3 schedule, with production instructions following that; and then, finally, a copy of the
4 House rules and regulations regarding the conduct of depositions. That's exhibit 1.

5 If we could also pull up exhibit 1A. Exhibit 1A is a subpoena issued by the select
6 committee on January 7, 2022, which includes, again, the subpoena. The third page is a
7 one-page cover letter. And then following that are the same instructions, rules, and
8 regulations that were appended to exhibit 1.

9 I would note for the record that exhibit 1A was issued to compel Ms. Fletcher's
10 testimony remotely after the original deposition compelled by exhibit 1 was delayed due
11 to bad weather.

12 Ms. Fletcher, I'm just showing these documents first to ask you to confirm that
13 you are the Kimberly Fletcher named in these subpoenas.

14 A I am.

15 Q And you understand that you are appearing here today pursuant to these
16 subpoenas?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Now, the first subpoena required the production of documents that were
19 described in the document schedule attached to that subpoena. And the deadline for
20 production of documents under exhibit 1 was December 23, 2021. Do you understand
21 that?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Your counsel, Mr. Citro, delivered a letter to the select committee on or
24 about December 17th of 2021 that you were declining to produce any documents or
25 answer questions pursuant to several objections, including the Fifth Amendment.

1 I would note for the record that the chairman responded to Mr. Citro on
2 December 22, 2021, noting that blanket assertions of the Fifth Amendment are not
3 sufficient. And, to that point, the select committee was not aware of any basis for you
4 to decline to produce each and every document that would be called for by the
5 subpoena.

6 The chairman's letter also noted the need for you to sit for your deposition and
7 assert objections on a question-by-question basis.

8 In response, your counsel, Mr. Citro, sent a reply the next day, December 23,
9 2021, making clear that you would decline to produce anything at that time but that you
10 would nonetheless appear for the deposition with the intent to invoke your constitutional
11 rights in response to questions as may be appropriate.

12 Ms. Fletcher, I'm just putting all of that out there at the front end to say that we
13 understand your attorney has made those objections on your behalf. Our goal today is
14 to ask questions that are relevant to the select committee's investigation with the hope
15 that you will answer.

16 If you have an objection or a privilege assertion, you can assert that for the record.
17 I will try to clarify the basis for your objections.

18 And I understand from your counsel that you may intend to assert the Fifth
19 Amendment to many of the questions that I may ask. Be that as it may, I would point
20 out for the record that your counsel or you have not received or reviewed the questions
21 that I intend to ask, and, therefore, it would seem unlikely for you or him to know in
22 advance that the Fifth Amendment would properly be invoked to many, much less most,
23 of my questions.

24 Even so, where there are objections, our goal is simply to understand the basis for
25 those objections and to fairly evaluate it. And, ultimately, the more detail that you can

1 provide about the basis for the objection, the easier it will be for the select committee to
2 consider that objection.

3 Now, because the Fifth Amendment has been raised by your counsel in the letters
4 to the committee, we will say that it has been almost a year, or more than a year at this
5 point, since the events of January 6, 2021. There have been numerous criminal charges
6 that have been filed against hundreds of defendants for actions that they took that day.
7 But in all the information available to the select committee and in the media coverage of
8 those events, we have not identified any suggestion, Ms. Fletcher, that you are the
9 subject of any pending or potential criminal investigation related to January 6th.

10 So I'll just ask you on the front end, do you understand that the Fifth Amendment
11 protects your right to refuse to answer questions if the truthful answers would be
12 incriminating?

13 A Yes.

14 Q In other words --

15 Mr. Citro. [REDACTED] before you continue, our paralegal has called in on the
16 dial-in number that needs to be admitted. It should be a [REDACTED] number.

17 [REDACTED]. I see that. Thank you. We just admitted her. Hopefully she can
18 come in.

19 Mr. Citro. Thank you.

20 Ms. Leadholm. Thank you.

21 BY [REDACTED]:

22 Q In other words, Ms. Fletcher, by telling the truth today, you'd only be made a
23 witness against yourself if the truth suggests that previous conduct could reasonably lead
24 you to being prosecuted.

25 I'll just say that all we want is the truth. And I want to make sure that you

1 understand it's not proper to invoke the Fifth Amendment unless you have a good-faith
2 belief that your truthful testimony could expose you to criminal prosecution. Do you
3 understand that?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Ms. Fletcher, you reside in Omaha, Nebraska. Is that right?

6 A No.

7 Q Where do you reside?

8 A Papillion, Nebraska.

9 Q Thank you for that clarification. Is that in that area of Omaha?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And is your phone number [REDACTED]?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And you're the president and founder of an organization called Moms for
14 America, correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Is that a nonprofit that's registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a
17 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And was Moms for America so registered as an active 501(c)(3) organization
20 on January 6, 2021?

21 A Yes.

22 Q I'm also aware that there is a Moms for America Action 501(c)(4)
23 organization. Are you affiliated with that organization?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What is your position in the 501(c)(4) organization?

1 A I'm the president.

2 Q And was Moms for America Action active as a 501(c)(4) organization on
3 January 6, 2021?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Now, because there's the (c)(3) and the (c)(4) organization, I do want to try
6 to do my best to make sure that, if it's appropriate for me to distinguish between the two,
7 that you point out where there may be a difference in terms of which organization may
8 have been doing what actions with respect to my questions.

9 So I just want to put that out there to say that I'm aware there are different
10 organizations here, but, to the extent we need distinguish between the two of them, I'd
11 ask that you just help me out in your answers, whether you're referring to Moms for
12 America or Moms for America Action.

13 Q Now, under exhibit 1, as I pointed out, the original subpoena, you were required
14 to produce certain documents that were in your possession, but you produced no
15 documents. Is that correct?

16 A I understand with regard to the production of the items, my counsel has
17 invoked my constitutional rights in a letter to the committee that remains in my
18 possession today.

19 Q Well, Ms. Fletcher, you yourself have to be the person to invoke your
20 constitutional rights on the record today. So I'll just rephrase the question.

21 A Okay.

22 Q You produced zero documents to the select committee. Is that correct?

23 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
24 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

25 Q Now, you've said more than the Fifth Amendment there. You've asserted

1 now a First and Fourth Amendment objection on the record today. On what basis does
2 the First Amendment shield you from having to comply with the subpoena issued by the
3 select committee?

4 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
5 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

6 Q I'll ask the same question regarding the Fourth Amendment. What basis
7 does the Fourth Amendment provide for you to decline to comply with the document
8 requirement from the subpoena?

9 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
10 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

11 Mr. Citro. So we do have -- a court reporter is trying to take things down.

12 The Witness. So go slow?

13 Mr. Citro. Just slow down a little bit.

14 The Witness. I am sorry.

15 Mr. Citro. They have to -- it's okay -- they have to catch every word.

16 The Witness. I'm sorry.

17 BY [REDACTED]:

18 Q Ms. Fletcher, with respect to the Fifth Amendment, is it your position that
19 even the act of searching for or identifying documents that were called for by the
20 subpoena would implicate your Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination?

21 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
22 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

23 Q Let's pull up exhibit 2.

24 Ms. Fletcher, exhibit 2 are two emails that appear to be sent from you to a
25 Nathan, who we understand and know to be Nathan Martin, in November 2020. I'll tell

1 you that during this period Mr. Martin was affiliated with an organization called Stop the
2 Steal.

3 In the first email, which is dated November 8, 2020, you wrote to Nathan, "I just
4 looked at the state list. I can definitely help with several of those. On it."

5 And, in the second email, dated November 13, 2020, you wrote to Nathan, "I am
6 connecting you here with Tim Davis who is the lead and POC for Nebraska Stop the Steal
7 events." And it also attached what appears to be a flyer for an event in Nebraska.

8 Ms. Fletcher, how long have you known Nathan Martin?

9 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
10 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

11 Q We know that Mr. Martin and the Stop the Steal organization are also
12 associated with a person who goes by the name Ali Alexander. How long have you
13 known Mr. Alexander?

14 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
15 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

16 Q When you were sending these emails to Mr. Martin, were you doing so on
17 your own behalf, on behalf of Moms for America, or some combination?

18 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
19 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

20 Q Ms. Fletcher, I'll just say for purposes of making the record clear that the
21 select committee would like to ask you questions about your connections to Mr. Martin
22 and Mr. Alexander, in particular regarding their efforts with the Stop the Steal
23 organization, about what the plans and strategies were for these State-wide events,
24 including organizing, promoting, funding, arranging for security in particular. We'd also
25 ask whether you attended any State-wide Stop the Steal events during this time period in

1 November and December of 2020, what you may have even seen, and also whether there
2 were any talks of violence, issues regarding to relationships with law enforcement, the
3 need for law enforcement to intervene in any of those events.

4 It's my understanding that for all of those questions you intend to assert the Fifth
5 Amendment to all of the questions that we would ask about your involvement with
6 respect to Stop the Steal events held in various States in November and December
7 of 2020. Is that correct?

8 Mr. Citro. Hang on one second, please.

9 [Discussion off the record.]

10 The Witness. I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me
11 under the Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

12 BY [REDACTED]:

13 Q And, to be clear, are you asserting those rights and, in particular, the Fifth
14 Amendment because you think that there's a good-faith belief that the answers to those
15 questions could expose you to criminal prosecution?

16 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
17 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

18 Q We'll show you exhibit 3 now. And exhibit 3 is an email that appears to be
19 from you to Nathan Martin regarding hotels. The subject line is "Hotels etc."

20 And you write to connect Nathan with Debbie Kraulidis, "who will be our point for
21 Moms for America in D.C.," and advise that you won't be able to attend but others will
22 need a hotel room at the Willard hotel.

23 Is this email related to the November 14th event that Stop the Steal cosponsored
24 at Freedom Plaza?

25 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the

1 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

2 Q What was Moms for America's role in the November 14th Stop the Steal
3 Freedom Plaza event?

4 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
5 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

6 Q And you did not attend this event, did you?

7 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
8 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

9 Q If we can pull up exhibit 4. Exhibit 4 is a news release dated December 7,
10 2020, with the title, "Jericho March and Stop the Steal Announce the December 12th 'Let
11 the Church ROAR!' National Prayer Rally Speakers and March Details."

12 As you can see, this release advertises a December 12th event where attendees
13 would -- if we can scroll down, [REDACTED] You can see here that it describes a march around
14 various locations in Washington, D.C., praying for the "walls of corruption" and election
15 fraud to fall down.

16 Following the march, it appears that various faith leaders and political leaders are
17 at least the speakers on the second page of this exhibit. Under the heading "Political
18 Leaders, Business Leaders, and Activists," you see names listed that include Ali Alexander,
19 Congressman Paul Gosar, Mike Lindell, Ed Martin. And a little more than halfway down
20 that list, we see "Kimberly Fletcher, Moms for America."

21 Ms. Fletcher, did you speak at the December 12th Jericho March event?

22 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
23 Constitution, including the Fourth, Fifth, and First Amendments.

24 Q What did you see in Washington, D.C., that day?

25 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the

1 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

2 Q As you can see, Ms. Fletcher, the select committee has information that
3 shows that you have personal knowledge of events that were taking place in Washington,
4 D.C., including on November 14th and December 12th.

5 We would like to ask you questions about your personal knowledge from those
6 events, including what organizers' goals were, how those events were funded, what you
7 saw, what was said, and, of particular importance, whether there were outbreaks of
8 violence, if you encountered counterprotesters or opposing groups or had any notable or
9 memorable interactions with law enforcement, particularly as it relates to their
10 interactions with demonstrators, regardless of ideology.

11 We also understand that at these events there were various groups such as the
12 Oath Keepers, Proud Boys, Three Percenters, some of whom may have been used as
13 informal security detail for organizers and speakers.

14 Those are the kinds of questions that we would want to ask you with respect to
15 these topics. Is it your intention to assert your Fifth Amendment privilege to all the
16 questions that we would ask about your knowledge of events that were held in
17 Washington, D.C., on November 14th or December 12th, 2020?

18 A Yes, sir, I will continue to decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded
19 me under the Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

20 Q Let's pull up exhibit 5. Ms. Fletcher, exhibit 5 is a four-page exhibit.
21 These are two applications that were submitted by you on behalf of your organization to
22 the United States Capitol Police for events to be held on January 5th and January 6th,
23 2021.

24 And, [REDACTED], if we can show the bottom of page 2. And then we can go and show
25 the witness page 3 and the bottom of page 4.

1 Ms. Fletcher, you submitted these two applications to the United States Capitol
2 Police, correct?

3 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
4 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

5 Q Do you believe you have a First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendment right to
6 decline to answer questions about information you provided for a constitutional and
7 lawful event, information provided to law enforcement?

8 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
9 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

10 Q Ms. Fletcher, when did you decide that you would hold these events in
11 Washington, D.C., on January 5th and 6th?

12 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
13 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

14 Q Let's pull up exhibit 6. Exhibit 6 is a one-page exhibit. It is a screenshot of
15 a text conversation between [REDACTED], which the witness has already affirmed is her
16 phone number, and the individuals going, Nathan, Ed, and Ali, and another individual,
17 who, if you scroll down, is the blue blurb of text on this, who is identified by another user
18 as Stephen.

19 Let's make sure we give the witness a chance to read through this. It's just one
20 page.

21 Mr. Citro. Well, [REDACTED], for the record, I think you said blue. I don't see any
22 blue on the screen. We see a green one, but not a blue one.

23 [REDACTED] I apologize. That's correct. It's green. Yeah, I'm betraying my
24 brand device preference about what color outgoing text messages look like. It is a green
25 blurb for the user Stephen.

1 BY [REDACTED]:

2 Q As we can see, the text starts with the user Ali -- on this text thread, it's "Ali
3 Alexandra," but the select committee understands that this is just the way that the
4 person, Ali Alexander, was saved in the phone of the person who produced the message.

5 Mr. Alexander writes: "This is group chat for the January 6 events. Steven is
6 going to double check to make sure that we have Lot 9 and find out what the heck is
7 happening with Lot 8. If we do not have Lot 8, then Kimberly is going to get it. And
8 then we need a lot 11 to be secured by Ed."

9 "I have got to be able to put out a map tonight ideally. I don't know if the capital
10 police all aren't on the same page or if they denied us one of our permits or both of our
11 permits, but Stephen is going to find that out."

12 I also note that, according to this, this conversation is happening on the afternoon
13 of December 22, 2021.

14 Nathan Martin writes: "Capital Police called me to coordinate 'One Nation
15 Under God' rally. I just need information on how to proceed."

16 Ali responds: "Great. Run it through Stephen. That means we for sure have
17 lot 9."

18 The user of the device, who, again, is Stephen: "Just finishing a zoom. Talking
19 to Capital Police now."

20 And the last message on the page is the number identified as Ms. Fletcher's phone
21 number: "I just put permit in for area 8 with area 11 as back up so if you already have 8
22 we will be set with 11. I also have area 8 on the 5th. All the other areas are reserved
23 almost all day on the 5th. We need have someone set up very early in front of Supreme
24 Court on the 6th."

25 Ms. Fletcher, when you submitted your applications to Capitol Police on

1 December 22nd, you were coordinating those efforts with Ali Alexander and his Stop the
2 Steal organizers, right?

3 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
4 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

5 Q The Ed who is identified as a participant on the top of this but we don't see
6 any text from, that's Ed Martin, right?

7 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
8 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

9 Q And why were you coordinating your permit applications with Mr.
10 Alexander?

11 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
12 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

13 Q If we can show exhibit 7. This is an email from you, Ms. Fletcher, to a
14 member of the United States Capitol Police where you write, "I am confirming that we are
15 canceling our permit request for the 6th. All the information for the 5th is correct."
16 That's an email that you sent on December 29, 2020.

17 Why did you cancel your permit request for the January 6th event that you
18 submitted an application for previously?

19 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
20 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

21 Q Was that because you could not secure an area next to Mr. Alexander's on
22 the 6th?

23 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
24 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

25 Q Ms. Fletcher, as you can see from exhibits 5, 6, and 7, the select committee

1 has information suggesting you have personal knowledge of planning coordination for
2 events to be held on January 5th and 6th on the Capitol Grounds, including
3 communications with Ali Alexander, Nathan Martin, and Ed Martin.

4 We would like to ask you, as I've attempted to this morning, about those
5 communications, including why there was an effort to coordinate permit applications,
6 why particular areas on Capitol Grounds were deemed desirable. We note for the
7 record that areas 8, 9, 10, and 11 are contiguous on the east front of the Capitol. So
8 we'd ask why those areas, as opposed to the about two dozen others areas that
9 individuals can secure with permits through the Capitol Police.

10 And then, finally, you mentioned in this text thread that we just looked at getting
11 up early to secure a place in front of the Supreme Court, and we want to ask you about
12 that and what the desire was to secure a location at the Supreme Court on January 6th.

13 It's my understanding, and I'll just confirm, that you intend to assert the Fifth
14 Amendment to all the questions that we would ask about -- the permitting discussions
15 you had and the interactions you had with Capitol Police regarding events to be held on
16 January 5th and 6th on the Capitol Grounds. Is that correct?

17 A Yes, I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
18 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

19 Q Let's take a look at exhibit 8. Exhibit 8 is an article published by ProPublica.
20 The title of the article is "New Details Suggests Senior Trump Aides New Jan. 6 Rally Could
21 Get Chaotic." It was first published on June 25th of last year, 2021.

22 It is a lengthy article; I won't read the whole thing. Instead, we'll just go to
23 page 5. And if we go to the bottom of page 5, the second-to-last paragraph. You will
24 recall, in the previous exhibit with the text message, that Nathan Martin referred to a
25 One Nation Under God event. Here in this ProPublica article, starting with that

1 second-to-last paragraph on page 5, they wrote, quote, "However, One Nation Under God
2 was a fake name used to trick the Capitol Police into giving Stop the Steal a permit,
3 according to Stop the Steal organizer Kimberly Fletcher. Fletcher is president of Moms
4 for America, a grassroots organization founded to combat 'radical feminism.'"

5 The article goes on to quote you, Ms. Fletcher, as saying, "'Everybody was using
6 different names because they didn't want us to be there,' adding that Alexander and his
7 allies experimented with a variety of aliases to secure permits for the east front of the
8 Capitol. Laughing, Fletcher recalled how the police repeatedly called her 'trying to find
9 out who was who.'"

10 Ms. Fletcher, did you tell reporters that Stop the Steal was using a fake name
11 during the permit application process?

12 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
13 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

14 Q Are you accurately quoted in this article?

15 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
16 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

17 Q And when you say in this article as quoted, "they didn't want us to be there,"
18 who is "they," and why would they not want you to be there?

19 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
20 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

21 Q Did anyone ever suggest to you that the permit would be denied? And
22 when I say anyone, I should be more specific. Did anyone from Capitol Police say that
23 the permit would be denied if Stop the Steal submitted the application under their own
24 name?

25 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the

- 1 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

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Q Let's pull up exhibit 9. Exhibit 9 is also an article; this is from BuzzFeed News. It was published online first on September 9, 2021, titled, "The Capitol Police Granted Permits For Jan. 6 Protests Despite Signs That Organizers Weren't Who They Said They Were."

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Again, we won't read through this entire article. If we go down to page 8, the second-to-last paragraph says, "In a statement to BuzzFeed News, Fletcher," referring to you, Ms. Fletcher, "rejected the suggestion that the group's permit application was in any way deceptive."

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And they quote you as saying, "A 'fake name' was not provided for the permit to gather on January 6. Stop the Steal pulled the permit for a group of organizations under 'One Nation Under God.' The false information from Antifa and Biden supporters, and from the left media who do not want to perform necessary and thorough research, is slothful and simply ignorant at best. The truth will prevail."

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Is that an accurate quote from you, Ms. Fletcher, in that BuzzFeed piece?

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A I decline to answer pursuant to rights afforded me under the Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

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Q I'm trying to understand, because the quote given to ProPublica, as I read it, seems to say exactly what you deny in the quote to BuzzFeed, and I'm hoping you can clarify or help me reconcile those two statements given.

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Can you help me understand whether the quote from one piece or another is inaccurate or if there is some way to reconcile the quote given to ProPublica versus the statement given to BuzzFeed?

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A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the

1 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

2 Q Well, Ms. Fletcher, as you know and as you can see, we are aware of public
3 statements that you gave on the record using your own name to journalists who were
4 obviously writing about the events of January 6th and apparently asking you questions
5 exactly of the same type that the select committee would like to ask you.

6 Now, with respect to the specific questions I'm asking you now about these two
7 articles, is it your position that the information you shared with the journalists when they
8 wrote these stories opens you to criminal prosecution?

9 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
10 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

11 Q Let's take a look at exhibit 10. Ms. Fletcher, I can represent to you that
12 exhibit 10 are screenshots from an archived website. You can see that the URL at the
13 top is web.archive.org, which is a website you can use to go back and review what
14 websites looked like on certain dates.

15 So these archived screenshots are for a WildProtest.com website advertising
16 events that were going to take place on January 6th, which Ali Alexander since that time
17 has publicly acknowledged was the event that he and his organization had been planning
18 for that day.

19 We can look through this, but I will also represent to you that this website does
20 not anywhere on it use "One Nation Under God" as an event description or title or
21 coalition name. It only says "Wild Protest" and "Stop the Steal."

22 Is it still your position that One Nation Under God was the name of a coalition
23 event being put on for the Capitol Grounds on January 6th?

24 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
25 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

1 Q We can scroll down to the second page of this exhibit. You'll see that this
2 portion of the website -- and I'll also just say, for clarification of the record, because it's
3 not necessarily clear looking at a PDF, these screenshots are taken as one would have
4 scrolled down the website. In other words, these are not separate pages from the same
5 domain, but, if you were to be using this website and scrolling from the top to the
6 bottom, you would see these subsequent screenshots.

7 You can see that page 2 shows a portion of that web page advising -- or showing a
8 map that says "come here," with a star, and that star corresponds with the area that was
9 discussed by Mr. Alexander in the text messages with you, or with your phone number.

10 Were you aware of Stop the Steal's intent to have people gather on the northeast
11 portion of the lawn outside the Capitol Building on January 6th?

12 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
13 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

14 Q If we go down to the third page of exhibit 10, you can see that this portion of
15 the website starts to list invited speakers and featured guests. You can scroll down a
16 little bit more, and you can see here that some of these top-line people include
17 Representative Paul Gosar, Ali Alexander, Roger Stone, Representative-elect Marjorie
18 Greene.

19 If we scroll to the next page, more speakers and photographs are listed, including
20 Representative-elect Lauren Boebert, State Representative Vernon Jones, State
21 Representative Mark Finchem, State Senator Doug Mastriano, Ed Martin.

22 And if we go to the next page, which, again, would be as you were scrolling down
23 this website, we see a photograph of you and your name, Kimberly Fletcher.

24 So I'd ask, Ms. Fletcher, who asked you to be a speaker for the Wild Protest event?

25 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the

1 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

2 Q And when were you asked to be a speaker for that event?

3 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
4 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

5 Q If we go back up to the very top of exhibit 10 and show the three
6 photographs next to each other here in this event, you can see here, it says, "Trump
7 wants to see you in DC." And an advertisement appears to show three events all in one
8 way, including a January 5th 1:00 p.m. gathering at Freedom Plaza, a January 6th 9:00
9 a.m. gathering at the Ellipse, and January 6th at 1:00 p.m., Capitol Building, northeast
10 door.

11 What were the discussions about how people would be encouraged or advised to
12 move from one location to another?

13 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
14 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

15 Q Did Mr. Alexander or anyone else who was planning the Wild Protest event
16 tell you that the President was going to encourage folks who gathered at the Ellipse to go
17 to the Capitol?

18 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
19 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

20 Q Were there any discussions about the need to have event security at the
21 Wild Protest event?

22 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
23 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

24 Q Well, Ms. Fletcher, as you can see, your name appears on this website that
25 advertised a series of events that are squarely within the scope of what the select

1 committee is investigating and trying to understand.

2 As I've tried to today, we would like to ask you questions about when you were
3 asked to participate in this event, what the plans were for the event, and your
4 understanding of the relationship between these three events advertised across the top
5 of the Wild Protest website.

6 And, in particular, we'd really like to know what you knew or understood about
7 security precautions that were being taken, the use of private or voluntary or even paid
8 security forces, and, also, as I mentioned before, the use or interactions with folks from
9 groups like the Oath Keepers or the Proud Boys or the Three Percenters.

10 Is it your intention for any of those questions related to plans for this Wild Protest
11 event on January 6, 2021, that you intend to assert your Fifth Amendment privilege not to
12 answer those questions?

13 A Yes, I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
14 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

15 Q Now, is that because you have a good-faith belief that your answer to those
16 questions might expose you to possible criminal prosecution?

17 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
18 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

19 Q Let's pull up exhibit 11. Now, momsforamerica.us, that's the website for
20 your organization, correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And so are you familiar with what's being shown to you here on exhibit 11?

23 Mr. Citro. It is really small, so I --

24 The Witness. Yeah, it's hard to see.

25 BY [REDACTED]:

1 Q I can tell you, this is a screenshot from this Moms for America URL that's
2 listed at the top of the page, if that helps.

3 Are you familiar with this website post?

4 Mr. Citro. Hang on one second.

5 Go ahead. I'm sorry.

6 BY [REDACTED]:

7 Q The question, Ms. Fletcher, is whether you're familiar with this website post.

8 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
9 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

10 Q Will you scroll down to the second page of this exhibit? And you can see at
11 the top another URL listed as the momsforamerica.us website. And this caption on the
12 second page of this exhibit is "Kimberly's Speech at Freedom Plaza."

13 I should note that both of these website screenshots note the date January 5th,
14 2021.

15 On page 1, there's a reference to "Save the Republic Rally Highlights." With
16 respect to the "Save the Republic Rally Highlights" post, this is regarding a permitted
17 event on the Capitol Grounds, correct?

18 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
19 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

20 Q And the second page, referring to this January 5th event at Freedom Plaza,
21 this was an event being organized by Cindy Chafian, correct?

22 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
23 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

24 Q I'll tell you that Ms. Chafian has publicly identified herself, I believe on her
25 LinkedIn profile but potentially other locations as well, as the director of coalitions and

1 engagement for Moms for America as of February 2021. Is that true?

2 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded to me under the
3 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

4 Q Well, as you can see from exhibit 11, Ms. Fletcher, we know that you and
5 your organization were involved in demonstration events on January 5, 2021, including at
6 the Capitol and at Freedom Plaza.

7 And we'd like to ask you questions about that, in particular whether there were
8 security concerns, whether you had any kind of run-ins or heard about run-ins with
9 counterprotesters, what the interactions were like with law enforcement, and also what
10 you may have seen among rally-goers about what the tenor was and potentially what
11 people were talking about might happen on January 6th. Those are the questions that
12 we would want to ask you about those events.

13 We also want to know, in the course of organizing the Moms for America Save the
14 Republic Rally on the Capitol Grounds, if you had any attempts to recruit Members of
15 Congress to attend and what conversations may have been had about messaging, in
16 particular with respect to what you expected or what was hoped to happen the following
17 day, on January 6th.

18 Now, I mentioned Ms. Chafian, who we understand was the permit holder for the
19 Freedom Plaza event on January 5, 2021, and we want to understand more about your
20 relationship with her, what you may have spoken about with her regarding what she had
21 hoped her January 5th event would accomplish, in particular how that relates to the
22 events of January 6th at that moment in time.

23 And as I've mentioned before, any presence or interactions or knowledge about
24 members of the Oath Keepers, Proud Boys, the Three Percenters. Another organization
25 I didn't mention previously but should have is a group called the 1st Amendment

1 Praetorians.

2 That's the universe of the questions that we would want to ask you about within
3 the scope of what the select committee is investigating on January 5, 2021. Am I correct
4 to understand that you'll decline to answer any of those questions based on your Fifth
5 Amendment privilege?

6 A I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
7 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

8 Q Ms. Fletcher, at what point did you learn that there would be an event on
9 January 6th at the Ellipse?

10 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
11 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

12 Q Were you ever invited speak at the Ellipse on January 6th?

13 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
14 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

15 Q Who did you understand was organizing the event at the Ellipse?

16 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
17 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

18 Q Let's take a look at exhibit 12.

19 Mr. Citro. One more time, just remember to slow down your answer.

20 The Witness. Okay.

21 Mr. Citro. Thank you.

22 BY [REDACTED]:

23 Q If we go down to where page 1 bridges to page 2, this is an email from you,
24 Ms. Fletcher, to Deb Kraulidis, who on this signature block above the email is identified as
25 the vice president for Moms for America. I apologize; it's an email that's from you to

1 Nathan Martin and Ali Alexander, with Ms. Kraulidis copied.

2 And the subject line is "MFA VIP list for White House." And it lists a number of
3 folks who should be on -- you say, "This is our list for White House Event."

4 This is in reference to the January 6th event at the Ellipse, correct?

5 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
6 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

7 [REDACTED] I will pause for a moment and note that Mr. Kinzinger has joined us.

8 Thank you for being here, sir.

9 Mr. Kinzinger. Thank you.

10 BY [REDACTED]:

11 Q What was the significance of being on a VIP list for this White House event?

12 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
13 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

14 Q Let's take a look at exhibit 13. This is an Associated Press news story that
15 was originally published on or about January 17, 2021. The title is "Records: Trump
16 Allies Behind Rally That Ignited Capitol Riot."

17 If you go to the bottom of the first page, the, sort of, third paragraph from the
18 bottom describes an individual known as -- or called Caroline Wren, identified as a GOP
19 fundraiser, and is also identified as the VIP advisor regarding the permit, and this is with
20 respect to the January 6th Ellipse event.

21 The second-to-last paragraph on this AP news story here, exhibit 13, says, "Wren
22 was involved in at least one call before the pro-Trump rally with members of several
23 groups listed as rally participants to organize credentials for VIP attendees, according to
24 Kimberly Fletcher, the president of one of those groups, Moms for America."

25 Can you tell us about the phone call that you mentioned in this statement to the

1 Associated Press, Ms. Fletcher?

2 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
3 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

4 Q Well, let's go down to the third page of this article. And you can see, the
5 fourth full paragraph starts with your name. It says, "Kimberly Fletcher, the Moms for
6 America president, said she wasn't aware the Trump campaign had a role in the rally at
7 the Ellipse until around New Year's Day. While she didn't work directly with the
8 campaign, Fletcher did notice a shift in who was involved in the rally and who would be
9 speaking."

10 And then there's quotes from you. They write, "When I got there and I saw the
11 size of the stage and everything, I'm like, 'Wow, we couldn't have possibly afforded that,'
12 she said. It was a big stage. It was a very professional stage. I don't know who was
13 in the background or who put it together or anything."

14 So, Ms. Fletcher, who did you believe was in charge of the January 6th rally before
15 New Year's Day?

16 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
17 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

18 Q Well, how did you become aware around New Year's Day that the Trump
19 campaign was involved?

20 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
21 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

22 Q Are you accurately quoted in this article?

23 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
24 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

25 Q Further down here, there's a paragraph that starts, "Moms for America held

1 a more modest 'Save the Republic' rally on Jan. 5 near the U.S. Capitol, an event that
2 drew about 500 people and cost between \$13,000 and \$14,000, according to Fletcher."

3 Is that an accurate summary of information you gave to the Associated Press?

4 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
5 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

6 Mr. Kinzinger. Hey, [REDACTED]?

7 [REDACTED] Yes.

8 Mr. Kinzinger. If you don't mind if I interrupt --

9 [REDACTED] Oh, yes. I'm sorry. Yes, go ahead, Mr. Kinzinger.

10 Mr. Kinzinger. No, just very quickly.

11 I know you're an Air Force spouse. Thank you. As an Air Force member myself,
12 I know we take our constitutional oath very seriously. And since I came in kind of late in
13 this deposition, I just want to confirm, you are taking the Fifth Amendment on these
14 questions because you are under the assumption that your answer will lead to
15 self-incrimination? Is that correct?

16 The Witness. I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
17 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

18 Mr. Kinzinger. Okay. Thank you.

19 [REDACTED] Thank you, sir.

20 BY [REDACTED]

21 Q Ms. Fletcher, the article sort of juxtaposes what you, your organization, paid
22 for your event on January 5th against what you saw as being a sophisticated professional
23 setup.

24 Do you know where the money for the January 6th event came from?

25 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the

- 1 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

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2 [11:03 a.m.]

3 BY [REDACTED]:

4 Q Did you attend the January 6th rally at the Ellipse?

5 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
6 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

7 Q Well, do you think that the mere attendance at a permitted First
8 Amendment demonstration is grounds for criminal prosecution?

9 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
10 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

11 Q Were you able to secure VIP area seating, as the email we looked at
12 previously indicated you were seeking?

13 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
14 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

15 Q Were you present when the President of the United States said that people
16 were going to march to the Capitol?

17 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
18 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

19 Q Well, Ms. Fletcher, as you can see from this series of exhibits we've looked
20 at, you appear to have personal knowledge from having been in touch with event
21 organizers for events that were going to take place on January 6th, including contacts
22 about VIP status, entry into the Ellipse area.

23 You also appear, based on quotes given to the Associated Press, to have opinions
24 or impressions on the production quality and the organizing that would go into putting on
25 an event like the one that happened at the Ellipse.

1 You also are quoted as having participated in some kind of organizing phone call
2 ahead of the event and at some point became aware of the Trump campaign's
3 involvement in planning this specific event on January 6th.

4 Those are areas that we would like to ask you questions about to understand your
5 personal knowledge and perspective on events that are within the scope of the select
6 committee's investigation. It's my understanding that you are declining to answer those
7 questions based on the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendment. Is that correct?

8 A Yes, I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
9 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

10 Q Ms. Fletcher, did you participate in the movement from the Ellipse to the
11 Capitol Grounds?

12 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
13 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

14 Q Where did you go after the Ellipse event ended?

15 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
16 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

17 Q Let's take a look at exhibit 14, and we can zoom in on that.

18 Ms. Fletcher, these are text messages produced by Ali Alexander to the select
19 committee. And the production indicates conversation with you, Kimberly Fletcher.
20 And you can see text messages are incoming to Mr. Alexander and outgoing from him to
21 you. And this is all on January 6, 2021.

22 It says 13:49, so it's about, you know, 10 minutes before 2:00 p.m., the first
23 message that comes in from you to Mr. Alexander: "Are we set up at the Capitol?"

24 At about 2:00 p.m.: "Ali this is a madhouse. Makes us all and President look
25 very bad."

1 And then the response back from Mr. Alexander: "I told them to tear down after
2 I learned of the chaos."

3 Incoming from you to Mr. Alexander: "The Capitol is a mess. Any chance we
4 had of winning is gone. I am literally heartbroken."

5 And then Mr. Alexander responds, "POTUS is not ignorant of what his words
6 would do."

7 Your response: "He wanted this to happen???"

8 And the response back: "I dunno but the anger of the people was never gonna
9 go away without a legitimate result - Wish it didn't happen but understand the people
10 and I won't denounce them."

11 What is your reaction to Mr. Alexander's statement, "POTUS is not ignorant of
12 what his words would do"?

13 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
14 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

15 I need to use the restroom.

16 Mr. Citro. If we're going to go much longer, we're going to need a quick comfort
17 break for Ms. Fletcher.

18 ██████████ I suspect, based on our trajectory, Vince, that we'll be done in the
19 next 5 minutes.

20 The Witness. I can wait 5 minutes.

21 Mr. Citro. All right. Thank you, ██████████. I appreciate that.

22 BY ██████████:

23 Q Ms. Fletcher, I don't want to presume emotion or feeling that I can't see
24 because it's written on the page here, but when I see your response to Mr. Alexander,
25 "He wanted this to happen???", with three question marks, I read into that shock from

1 you that this, being what was happening on the Capitol Grounds between 2:00 and 3:00
2 p.m. on January 6th -- shocked that that was something that was happening.

3 Am I right that you were shocked that that was happening on the Capitol
4 Grounds?

5 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
6 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

7 Q Let's take a look at exhibit 15, which is our last exhibit.

8 Exhibit 15 is two pages. You can see in the middle of the first page it says,
9 forwarded message from Ali A. And the subject line is "Statement from Ali Alexander on
10 Impeachment and January 6th."

11 And we won't read through this, but this is a statement released by Mr. Alexander
12 about the events of January 6th. And you can see from the date line on the email that's
13 forwarding it, he's sending this on February 6th, so about a month later.

14 And, at a high level, he's saying things like Stop the Steal, his organization,
15 understands that President Trump did not incite an insurrection. He goes on to talk
16 about Women for America First, which was the permit holder for January 6th, sort of
17 makes comments about their responsibility for disorganization.

18 If you go up above this, on February 6th, you respond, having been forwarded this
19 email, to Mr. Alexander, "Are you going to release the videos and photos? You need
20 to."

21 What are you referring to regarding photos and videos?

22 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
23 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

24 Q Have you seen photos and videos that support Mr. Alexander's
25 statements about what happened on January 6th?

1 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
2 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

3 Q Ms. Fletcher, as you can see, we can see that you are in direct contact with
4 Ali Alexander on January 6th as events are unfolding and also that you're in touch with
5 him afterwards, discussing how best to react to the publicity around January 6th.

6 These are areas that the select committee want to ask you questions about,
7 including what you understood was going to happen, whether you were surprised at the
8 organization or disorganization of people going to the Capitol, and whether you even
9 expected people to make it to the Wild Protest event on the northeast side of the Capitol
10 or to gather at the Capitol the way that they ultimately did.

11 Is my understanding correct that you intend to assert the First, Fourth, and Fifth
12 Amendment to any questions we would ask you about the events that unfolded on the
13 ground on January 6, 2021?

14 A Yes, I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
15 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

16 Q I just have a couple of questions left.

17 Have you been interviewed by law enforcement regarding your knowledge of
18 events in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 2021?

19 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
20 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

21 Q Have you been contacted by the FBI regarding January 6th?

22 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
23 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

24 Q Have you been contacted by any attorneys representing individuals who
25 have been charged with criminal conduct from that day?

1 A I decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
2 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

3 Q Is it your intention to assert the Fifth, Fourth, and First Amendment to all
4 questions we would ask about contacts from law enforcement or attorneys investigating
5 the events of January 6, 2021?

6 A Yes, I will decline to answer pursuant to the rights afforded me under the
7 Constitution, including the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments.

8 ██████████ At this point, I do not have any further questions.

9 Ms. Fletcher has asserted the First, Fourth, and Fifth Amendment as a basis to
10 refuse to answer the vast majority of the select committee's questions today. Under
11 these circumstances, given the objections that have been raised, we will not close the
12 record on the deposition as the select committee determines the appropriate course of
13 action to move forward. And, therefore, when we stand in recess, it will be subject to
14 the call of the chair.

15 But before we go off the record, I will pause to see if any members or any other
16 members of the investigative staff have anything else to ask the witness.

17 All right. Hearing none, the time is 11:13 a.m., and we will stand in recess
18 subject to the call of the chair.

19 [Whereupon, at 11:13 a.m., the deposition was recessed, subject to the call of the
20 chair.]

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I have read the foregoing ____ pages, which contain the correct transcript of the answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

Witness Name

Date