

The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol
Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

January 6th, 2022

Re: Subpoena of records of U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson.

To the Honorable Select Committee Members:

I am Tom Nelson, Outagamie County (Wis.) Executive and a candidate for U.S. Senate.

Consistent with the purpose of the Select Committee “(t)o investigate and report upon the facts, circumstances, and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, a domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex,” I am writing to request that you subpoena U.S. Senator Ron Johnson for records and testimony relating to his efforts to delay and disrupt the results of the election; his contacts with any groups or individuals with ties to domestic terrorism before, during and after the attack; his coordination with the Trump White House advancing the disinformation campaign that led to the attack on the U.S. Capitol; and his continued and persistent advocacy of election disinformation.

This subpoena should include, but not be limited to, phone and text records; logs and schedules; email records; and any other records relevant to his work seeking to undermine the peaceful transfer of power.

Sen. Johnson was singular as THE most vocal and prominent legislator promoting dangerous mistruths about the 2020 election in the days preceding the attack. His role has been overlooked at times due to attention given to other Senators such as Josh Hawley.

As a former member of the Senate majority, on Dec. 16, 2020, Sen. Johnson convened a subcommittee hearing that advanced some of the most specious lies about the integrity of the election. He went on to vocally oppose the certification of the election results in advance of the January 6th attack, including infamous appearances on "Meet the Press" on the eve of the assault and again on Newsmax on January 4th. And even up to this day, he continues to advance blatant falsehoods about the horrors of that day.

I recognize it is highly unusual to subpoena any Member of Congress and to date, only Rep. Scott Perry has been subpoenaed. But, so, too, is it unusual for a United States Senator to attack the foundations of our democracy and to justify acts of domestic terrorism. Therefore, I urge the Select Committee to use your investigative powers to hold Sen. Johnson to the oath he swore to protect and defend our Constitutional democracy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Nelson".

Tom Nelson
Candidate for U.S. Senate