

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

CC: Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Congresswoman Elaine Luria, Congressman Adam Schiff, Congressman Pete Aguilar, Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy, Congressman Jamie Raskin, Congresswoman Liz Cheney, and Congressman Adam Kinzinger

The House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol Must Call on Members of the Republican Attorneys General Association to Testify

Dear Speaker Pelosi and remaining members of the January 6th Select Committee:

On behalf of government watchdog Accountable.US, and in response to Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's [call](#) for investigating the organizations behind the January 6 insurrection, I write today to urge the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol to call key members of the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) to testify in front of the committee on their role leading up to the attack on our Capitol.

RAGA's fundraising arm, the Rule of Law Defense Fund (RLDF), was responsible for [robocalls](#) distributed one day before the deadly riot that encouraged people to march on the U.S. Capitol the following day. The message was as follows: "At 1 p.m., we will march to the Capitol building and call on Congress to stop the steal." The chair of RLDF, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, has repeatedly refused to answer who approved and distributed the robocall, which directly preceded the violent insurrection. Additionally, Attorney General Marshall has [failed to clarify his whereabouts](#) leading up to and directly following the deadly insurrection. He must answer to the select committee for the robocalls and whether he directly participated in the insurrection.

RAGA's deliberate or wildly reckless behavior preceding the January 6th insurrection went beyond Attorney General Marshall's conduct. In the months leading up to the insurrection, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton led 17 Republican attorneys general in a [frivolous lawsuit](#) that attempted to overturn the results of the election. [The U.S. Supreme Court](#) tossed the ridiculous case as there was no evidence of the widespread voter fraud the attorneys general alleged. Paxton was also a headlining [speaker](#) at the rally that took place moments before violence erupted at the Capitol, and told the crowd "we will not quit fighting."

As members began fleeing the organization for its ties to the insurrection, they were replaced by some of the Big Lie's biggest perpetrators, like South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson as RAGA Chair, and Peter Bisbee, former RLDF's leader responsible for the group's coordination on January 6, as RAGA's Executive Director.

These replacements and promotions demonstrate that RAGA is not only deeply committed to overturning the results of a democratically-held election, but rewards its members for putting our democracy at risk.

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They bear a level of responsibility for the events that took place on January 6th. The Select Committee has a duty and the tools to determine what level of responsibility that is.

We raise this as a matter of national security and to ensure that those involved in the deadly attack against our U.S. Capitol are held accountable. As members of the select committee hoping to uncover the truth behind the events that led to the violence on January 6th, I urge you to take the necessary steps to ensure key members of RAGA and RLDF are brought in to testify in front of the committee, including Attorney General Marshall (AL), Attorney General Wilson (SC), Attorney General Paxton (TX), and RAGA Executive Director Peter Bisbee.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Herrig', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kyle Herrig

President, Accountable.US