

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 30, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Daniel Schulman
Chief Executive Officer
Verizon Communications Inc.

Dear Mr. Schulman:

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley and Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Chairman Ron Johnson continue to investigate Arctic Frost, which became Special Counsel Jack Smith's electors case, and the Biden-Department of Justice's (DOJ) use of legal process to obtain congressional information. We remain concerned not only by the abuse of power by federal government actors, including through Special Counsel Jack Smith, but also with Verizon's disclosures of Members' phone records pursuant to a May 25, 2023, subpoena from the government, as well as its failure to disclose this information to affected Members.

On October 24, 2025, Verizon stated to Chairman Grassley:

In addition, this summer, at the request of the Senate Sergeant at Arms, Verizon researched whether it had received legal process over the prior four years for any SAA Senate lines. Verizon identified legal process it had received for 15 SAA Senate lines. The May 25, 2023 subpoena was not on that list, even though two numbers that are SAA lines were included in the subpoena. This was a mistake due to human error recently discovered while researching the May 25, 2023 subpoena. We understand the importance of these issues and regret the error. Verizon will make a disclosure to the Senate Sergeant at Arms with this and other updated information.¹

On October 27, 2023, approximately two years before we were first made aware of Jack Smith's May 25, 2023, subpoena for Members' phone records, Chairman Grassley sent a letter to Verizon requesting the company provide all requests or orders made by DOJ or any federal law

¹ Letter from Robert S. Fisher, Senior Vice President for Government Relations and Public Affairs, Verizon, to Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Oct. 24, 2025)
https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/verizon_to_grassley_-_toll_records.pdf.

enforcement agency to Verizon related to Senate devices used by Chairman Grassley's staff.² This request for records encapsulated the time period from January 1, 2016, to October 27, 2023. Thus, a comprehensive search by Verizon for this time period for all legal process sent by DOJ for Senate Sergeant at Arms (SAA) devices and a subsequent review of the material to determine whether or not a number was associated with Chairman Grassley's staff would have likely included Jack Smith's May 25, 2023, subpoena.³

On October 31, 2023, Verizon responded to Chairman Grassley's October 27 letter, and wrote:

In most instances, we also limit our retention of legal process received and any records that were produced in response to four years. Thus, when we received your letter last week, our retention period did not include legal process received before October 1, 2019. As such, we are unable to determine whether Verizon received any legal process relating to your staffers' devices before then and, specifically, during the time of the 2016-2017 Crossfire Hurricane investigation referenced in your letter.⁴

However, Verizon did not state whether the company identified any legal process after October 1, 2019.⁵ This raises questions as to whether Verizon discovered legal process from DOJ for Senate devices and lines, including the May 2023 Arctic Frost subpoena, in its search from October 1, 2019, to October 27, 2023, for responsive records to Chairman Grassley's request.

Congress, and the public, deserve full clarity into Verizon's conduct. To that end, we request answers to the following:

1. On what date did Verizon learn that Jack Smith's May 25, 2023, subpoena sought phone records connected to Members of Congress?
2. On what date did Verizon first learn that it provided tolling data connected to Members of Congress to Jack Smith's team? What, if any, action(s) did Verizon take following this revelation?
3. On what date were Daniel Schulman, Vandana Venkatesh, Hans Vestberg, and Craig Silliman first informed about the May 25, 2023, subpoena?
 - a. On what date were they informed that Verizon had provided records in response to the May 25, 2023, subpoena?

² Letter from Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary to Hans Vestberg, Chairman and CEO, Verizon Communications, Inc. (Oct. 27, 2023) (on file with Senate staff).

³ *Id.*

⁴ Letter from Robert S. Fisher, Senior Vice President for Government Relations and Public Affairs, Verizon, to Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Oct. 31, 2023) (on file with Senate staff).

⁵ *Id.*

- b. On what date were they informed that the May 25, 2023, subpoena was for phone records connected to Members of Congress?
 - c. What, if any, action(s) did these individuals take after learning that Verizon had provided phone records connected to Members of Congress in response to the May 25, 2023, subpoena?
- 4. During the search for the information requested in Chairman Grassley's October 27, 2023, letter, did Verizon identify any requests or orders from DOJ relating to any Senate Sergeant at Arms (SAA) devices or lines? If so, when and provide a list and copies of the records identified.
- 5. Describe the "mistake due to human error" that Verizon referenced in its October 24, 2025, letter.
- 6. Provide all records dated between May 24, 2023, and October 6, 2025, that discuss (a) 2 U.S.C. § 6628; or (b) whether Verizon was obligated to give notice of the May 25, 2023, subpoena (or Verizon's response) to the SAA and/or implicated Members.

Given the urgency and seriousness of this matter, we request that you compile this information and provide us with substantive responses as soon as it is available, but no later than August 13, 2026.

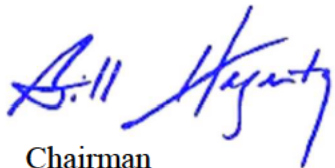
Sincerely,



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Ron Johnson
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations



Chairman
Financial Services & General
Government Subcommittee of the
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Ted Cruz
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Marsha Blackburn
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