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Mr. Eric D. Schwerin Institute for Ethical Awareness 299 Bangor Lane Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Mr. Schwerin:

We are continuing to investigate Hunter Biden's questionable business dealings. An email obtained by Committee Republicans shows that in 2010, while serving as president of Hunter Biden's company, you received then-Vice President Biden's tax refund check and facilitated the transfer of that amount to Hunter because now-President Biden owed money to his son. This raises questions about how much money President Biden owed his son and what role his son played in managing the President's finances. Committee Republicans request additional information regarding this transaction and any other instances of President Biden owing money to his son, Hunter.

On June 10, 2010, an email from you to Hunter stated: "Your Dad's Delaware tax refund check came today. I am depositing it in his account and writing a check in that amount back to you since he owes it to you." This email shows an intertwined financial relationship between President Biden and his son, the latter of whom has profited from America's losses to foreign adversaries. The Obama-Biden Administration's subsequent nomination of you as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad further complicates the Biden family's private and public dealings. If President Biden and Hunter are sharing funds or if President Biden is in debt to his son—the American people deserve to know it especially in light of the millions of dollars Hunter's businesses have received from countries adversarial to U.S. interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Document in possession of the Committee.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Michael Forsythe, Eric Lipton and Dionne Searcey, How Hunter Biden's Firm Helped Secure Cobalt for the Chinese, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 20, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts, Office of the Press Secretary, The White House (Mar. 10, 2015), available at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2015/03/10/president-obama-announces-more-key-administration-posts.

According to President Biden, "I have never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings." Yet, based on your email, Hunter Biden appears to have been intimately involved with President Biden's financial affairs. The President owed his son money and Hunter's company managed the President's tax refund. Your simultaneous role as president of Hunter Biden's Rosemont Seneca Partners and handler of President Biden's tax return money—and subsequent nomination to a "key Administration post[]" — is troubling and raises concerns that President Biden's finances are closely intermingled with Hunter Biden's. Recent media reports indicate you "made at least 19 visits to the White House and other official locations between 2009 and 2015[.]" To the extent President Biden was indebted to Hunter—a man whose livelihood depended on foreign nations—he may also be indebted to countries not aligned with U.S. interests. It is paramount that the Committee investigate whether there are national security implications to Hunter Biden funding his father.

In order for Committee Republicans to understand President Biden's financial relationship with Hunter Biden, please produce the following documents to the Committee as soon as possible but no later than May 11, 2022:

- 1. All documents and communications sent from and received by your Rosemont Seneca Partners email account related to Hunter Biden or President Biden's finances, including financial transactions, tax filings, deposits, or debts.
- 2. All documents and communications between you, Hunter Biden, and/or President Biden from January 20, 2009, to present.
- 3. A list of your current and former positions held in companies founded, owned, or affiliated with any member of the Biden family, including but not limited to Hunter Biden.

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To ask any follow-up or related questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Aamer Madhani, *Biden: I never talked to son Hunter about overseas business dealings*, USA TODAY (Sept. 21, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Supra. n. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Jon Levine and Miranda Devine, *Joe Biden met with Hunter Biden business partner at the White House*, N.Y. POST (Apr. 23, 2022).

## Sincerely,

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