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November 17, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Wray:

Committee Republicans are continuing to investigate President Joe Biden and his family's domestic and international business dealings. We wrote to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 26, 2022, requesting information related to President Biden's son Hunter Biden's relationship with JiaQi "Jackie" Bao, whom Committee Republicans identified as having ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).¹ You did not respond to our request. As we look to the 118th Congress, the investigation of the Biden family's questionable business dealings will be a priority for the Committee on Oversight and Reform. The Biden family's connections to the CCP are well-documented and pose national security implications. Therefore, we reiterate our previous requests for documents and information in the FBI's custody regarding the Biden family's connections to China.

Evidence indicates President Joe Biden has directly or indirectly profited from business dealings entered with major adversaries of the United States—most troubling, China.² Our previous request outlined Hunter Biden's close ties to Bao, whose CCP connections raise concerns that she may have been tasked with building a relationship with Hunter to infiltrate the Biden family.³ In 2017, Bao assisted Hunter in brokering a deal for a U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) purchase through CEFC China Energy (CEFC).⁴ The LNG deal came to a sudden end

¹ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, to Hon. Christopher Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Oct. 26, 2022).

² Adam Entous, *Will Hunter Biden Jeopardize His Father's Campaign?*, THE NEW YORKER (Jul. 1, 2019); Caroline Downey, *Hunter Biden Grand Jury Witness Asked to Identify 'Big Guy' in Chinese Equity Deal*, NAT'L REV. (Apr. 5, 2022).

³ *Supra*, n. 1.

⁴ Letter from Hon. Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, and Hon. Ron Johnson, S. Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations, to Hon. David Weiss, U. S. Att'y, Dist. Of Del. (Oct. 26, 2022), at 10.

when, in 2019, CEFC's leaders were arrested in the U.S. on corruption charges related to their Belt and Road Initiative projects in Africa.⁵

Despite the dissolution of their business relationship, Bao remained personally involved with Hunter Biden and displayed hallmark behaviors of foreign intelligence activity.⁶ Bao went as far as to provide Hunter with a communications and messaging strategy for a potential presidential run for Joe Biden in March 2019, a month before the elder Biden announced his candidacy.⁷ Bao's instructions included counter-messaging against the Trump Administration's policies.⁸ Bao encouraged Hunter to plead ignorance of his business partners' behavior, writing that Hunter should claim that, "[n]o matter how experienced and gifted businessman [sic] you are, you will always stumble upon bad deals, dishonest individuals, or bad people who took advantage of you."⁹

Committee Republicans request all information in FBI's possession to regarding the Biden family's business development in China. To assist Committee Republicans' investigation into this matter, please provide the following documents as soon as possible, but no later than December 1, 2022:

1. All documents and communications regarding JiaQi Bao, including but not limited to her relationship with Hunter Biden, other members of the Biden family, and the Biden family's business dealings;
2. All documents and communications generated by or provided to former Assistant Special Agent in Charge Timothy Thibault regarding the investigation into Hunter Biden and Biden family business dealings;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to foreign intelligence services' efforts to compromise the Biden family, including but not limited to Hunter Biden; and
4. All documents and communications regarding CEFC's efforts to purchase American energy and infiltrate the Biden family.

To arrange for document delivery or ask any follow-up or related questions, please contact Republican Committee staff at (202) 225-5074. The House Rules designate the Committee on Oversight and Reform as the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of

⁵ Brendan Pierson, *Ex-Hong Kong official sentenced to three years in prison in U.S. bribery case*, REUTERS (Mar. 25, 2019); Shu Zhang, *China's CEFC founder Ye named in corruption case – state media*, REUTERS (Oct. 12, 2018); Jenni Marsh, *The Rise and Fall of a Belt and Road Billionaire*, CNN (Dec. 2018).

⁶ Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian, *Exclusive: Suspected Chinese spy targeted California politicians*, AXIOS (Dec. 8, 2020); Documents on file with the Comm. Text messages between JiaQi Bao and Hunter Biden.

⁷ Document on file with the Comm. Email from JiaQi Bao to Hunter Biden (Mar. 14, 2019).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

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Representatives with broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time,” under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform