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Ms. Debra Steidel Wall
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Dear Ms. Steidel Wall:

Committee Republicans are continuing to investigate President Joe Biden and his family's domestic and international business dealings. We wrote to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) on July 14, 2021, January 19, 2022, and March 31, 2022, with specific concerns NARA is able to address.¹ In its responses to our requests, NARA has refused to provide information sought about Joe Biden and the Biden family. It is important the Committee review the actions Joe Biden took while Vice President to further his family's business ventures to determine the national security implications of his meetings or dealings with the United States' foreign adversaries. Therefore, we reiterate our previous requests for documents and information in NARA's custody regarding Joe Biden and the Biden family's international business activities.

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. Committee Republicans have accumulated evidence revealing the Biden family's pattern of exploiting President Joe Biden's positions of public trust. Through this exploitation, the Biden family has financially profited,² misused Air Force Two travel for personal business,³ conducted business with foreign adversaries,⁴ and promised political access to mislead and grow relationships with

¹ Letter from H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform Republicans to Hon. David Ferriero, Archivist of the U. S., Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. (Jul. 14, 2021); Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, to Hon. David Ferriero, Archivist of the U. S., Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. (Jan. 19, 2022); Letter from H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform Republicans to Hon. David Ferriero, Archivist of the U. S., Nat'l Archives & Records Admin. (Mar. 31, 2022).

² Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, to Mr. Georges Bergès (Sept. 7, 2021); Adam Popescu, *There's a New Artist in Town. The Name is Biden*, N. Y. TIMES (Feb. 28, 2020).

³ Letter from H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform Republicans to Dana Remus, Counsel to the President, Office of White House Counsel (Jul. 14, 2021); Josh Lederman, *Biden's Trip to China with Son Hunter in 2013 Comes Under New Scrutiny*, NBC NEWS (Oct. 2, 2019).

⁴ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, to Hon. Janet Yellen, Sec'y, Dep't of Treas. (Sept. 20, 2022); Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns, Maj. Staff Report, S. Comm on Homeland Sec. & Gov. Affairs and S. Comm. on

investors.⁵ While his father led Ukrainian policy from the White House during the Obama-Biden Administration, Hunter Biden worked in Ukraine.⁶ Evidence also shows Hunter simultaneously courted business in Russia. Notably, in the wake of Russia's invasion into Ukraine, the United States sanctioned Russian oligarchs, but not those who sent money to Hunter Biden's company.⁷ Once Joe Biden left public office in 2016, his family increasingly courted business with Chinese actors and was instrumental in the selling off one of the world's largest cobalt mines in Africa to a Chinese company closely tied to the CCP, China Molybdenum.⁸

For decades the Biden family has profited off Joe Biden's positions of public trust, including by building business ties with America's adversaries.⁹ Joe Biden stated in 2019, "I have never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings."¹⁰ This is false. Not only did Joe Biden talk to his son about his overseas business dealings, but he also met with his son's associates.¹¹ This raises questions as to whether President Biden is making decisions and/or setting policy to preserve or advance his family's business interests.

NARA possesses documents relevant to this investigation from then-Vice President Biden's tenure. Accordingly, we reiterate our previous requests and ask that NARA provide the following documents to Committee Republicans as soon as possible, but no later than December 1, 2022:

Air Force Two and Marine Two Travel

1. All documents and communications between the Executive Office of the President or Office of the Vice President and members or associates of the Biden family referring or relating to Air Force Two travel in China and/or Mexico;
2. All Air Force Two and Marine Two manifests from January 20, 2009, to January 20, 2017; and

Finance (2020), p. 69, available at

https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSGAC_Finance_Report_FINAL.pdf.

⁵ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, to Hon. Janet Yellen, Sec'y, Dep't of Treas. (Jul. 14, 2022); Ben Schreckinger, *Biden Inc.*, POLITICO MAGAZINE (Aug. 2, 2019); Matt Viser, *James Biden – Presidential Brother, Family Helper, Political Wild Card*, WASH. POST (May 31, 2022).

⁶ James Risen, *Joe Biden, His Son, and the Case Against a Ukrainian Oligarch*, N. Y. TIMES (Dec. 8, 2015); Tom Winter et. al., *Analysis of Hunter Biden's Hard Drive Shows He, His Firm Took in About \$11 Million from 2013 to 2018, Spent it Fast*, NBC NEWS (May 19, 2022).

⁷ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, to Hon. Janet Yellen, Sec'y, Dep't of Treas. (Apr. 21, 2022).

⁸ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight and Reform, to Hon. David Ferriero, Archivist of the U.S., Nat'l Archives and Records Admin. (Jan. 19, 2022).

⁹ Ben Schreckinger, *Biden Inc.*, POLITICO MAGAZINE (Aug. 2, 2019).

¹⁰ Aamer Madhani, *Biden: I Never Talked to Son Hunter About Overseas Business Dealings*, USA TODAY (Sept. 21, 2019).

¹¹ Documents on file with the Comm., Hunter Biden's Personal Calendar; President Barack Obama White House Visitor Records (Mar. 2012); Ebony Bowden, *Photo shows Joe Biden meeting Hunter's alleged business partner from Kazakhstan*, N. Y. POST (Oct. 20, 2020); see also, Andrew Duehren & James T. Areddy, *Hunter Biden's Ex-Business Partner Alleges Father Knew About Venture*, WALL ST. J. (Oct. 23, 2020).

3. All documents and communications referring or relating to any security incidents on Air Force Two and Marine Two from January 20, 2009, to January 20, 2017.

Hunter Biden's Cobalt Deal

4. All documents and communications from the Executive Office of the President and Office of the Vice President from January 1, 2015, to January 20, 2017, regarding Hunter Biden, cobalt mines, China Molybdenum, Tenke Fungurume, and/or Freeport-McMoRan.

Russia And Ukraine

5. All documents and communications between the Executive Office of the President or Office of the Vice President and members or associates of the Biden family referring or relating to Russia or Ukraine from January 20, 2009, to January 20, 2017;
6. All documents and communications from or within the Executive Office of the President or Office of the Vice President referring to Elena Baturina or Yuri Luzhkov from January 20, 2009, to January 20, 2017;
7. All documents and communications in the custody of NARA referring or relating to Hunter Biden and Ukraine or Hunter Biden and Russia; and
8. All documents and communications between then-Vice President Biden's office and any State Department employee referring or relating to Hunter Biden and his business dealings in Russia and/or Ukraine.

To schedule the delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican staff at (202) 225-5074. The Committee on Oversight and Reform has specific jurisdiction over NARA under House Rule X. Additionally, the Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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