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The Honorable Jamie Raskin
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Raskin:

As you are aware, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability is investigating President Biden's connections to his family's international and domestic business practices. To date, the Committee has demonstrated Joe Biden lied to the American people in 2020 about his family receiving money from China,¹ lied about bank records clearly showing money originating from foreign sources flowing to his family members,² and failed to disclose his own knowledge of and participation in his family's business schemes in Romania, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Russia, and China (including phone calls, dinners, and meetings with his family's business associates³). Most recently, the Committee has shown a payment by James Biden—the President's brother—to Joe Biden totaling \$200,000, thus showing definitively that Joe Biden has in fact benefitted from his family's influence peddling and shady business activities.⁴ In the first ten months of the Republican Majority, the Committee has made great strides in revealing the truth about how President Biden put America last and his family first.

In the course of this investigation, you have been a spirited critic of the need to look into President Biden or his family. It is of course your prerogative to determine how best to serve your constituents, Abbe Lowell, and the American people. However, the Oversight Committee must not be used as a means to propagate false or deceptive information, and for that purpose, we must address public statements you have made that contradict facts and are, unfortunately, lies.

Pursuant to a Committee subpoena issued on May 3, 2023, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)—on June 5, 2023—produced an unclassified FD-1023 to the Committee that

¹ Memorandum (Mar. 16, 2023), H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability. From Maj. Comm. staff to Comm. Members. Re: New Evidence Resulting from the Oversight Committee's Investigation into the Biden Family's Influence Peddling and Business Schemes; Memorandum (May. 10, 2023), H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability. From Maj. Comm. staff to Comm. Members. Re: Second Bank Records Memorandum from the Oversight Committee's Investigation into the Biden Family's Influence Peddling and Business Schemes.

² Remarks by President Biden Before Marine One Departure, The White House (March 17, 2023).

³ Memorandum (Aug. 9, 2023), H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability. From Maj. Comm. staff to Comm. Members. Re: Third Bank Records Memorandum from the Oversight Committee's Investigation into the Biden Family's Influence Peddling and Business Schemes

⁴ See Erica Brown, Catherine Herridge, *GOP House panel raises questions about \$200k check from James Biden to Joe Biden. Biden spokesman says there's 'zero evidence of wrongdoing.'*, CBS News (Oct. 21, 2023).

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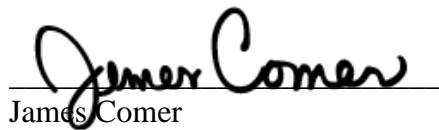
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detailed an alleged bribery scheme involving Joe Biden and his son, Robert Hunter Biden, as reported to a confidential human source by a Ukrainian oligarch (and Hunter Biden's business associate), Mykola Zlochevsky.⁵ The FBI also provided a briefing to Chairman Comer, yourself, and certain staff. The American people have—rightfully—since been given the opportunity to review this document for themselves.⁶ After the FBI briefing, you rushed to tell cameras outside the briefing room, “What I know is that the FBI, Department of Justice team under William Barr and Scott Brady in the Western District of Pennsylvania terminated the investigation. They said there were no grounds for further investigative steps.”⁷ This, of course, was not true.

This week, the Committee on the Judiciary conducted a transcribed interview of the former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Scott Brady.⁸ When asked about your characterization of his team's work, he stated, “My understanding of Mr. Raskin's public statements is that, based on the determination that I and my team found the allegations in the 1023 not credible or other information not credible, we did not escalate the assessment to a limited or full investigation.”⁹ Mr. Brady described your characterization as “not true.”¹⁰ After directly refuting your characterization, he added his team did find there to be sufficient “indicia of credibility in this 1023 to pass it on to an office that had a predicated grand jury investigation.”¹¹

The Committee requests that you formally correct the record and apologize to the American people for spreading disinformation about evidence collected by the Committee during its investigation of President Biden. Additionally, we ask, Mr. Raskin, that you take seriously your position as Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and its incumbent responsibility to be honest regarding facts learned in the course of investigations—even those that are inconvenient to your own political views. While we appreciate your role up to this point has been to play defense counsel for the Biden family, it is time to follow the evidence and speak the truth.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Chairman
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⁵ FBI Form FD-1023 (June 30, 2020).

⁶ See Senator Grassley, Press Release: Grassley Obtains & Releases FBI Record Alleging VP Biden Foreign Bribery Scheme (July 20, 2023).

⁷ Elizabeth Stauffer, *Jamie Raskin lied about the Biden bribery memo*, Washington Examiner (June 9, 2023).

⁸ John Solomon, *Prosecutor says Biden bribery claim was credible enough for further investigation, but FBI resisted*, Just the News (Oct. 25, 2023).

⁹ *Id.*


¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

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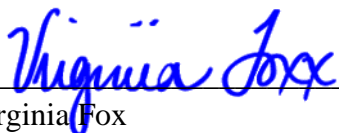
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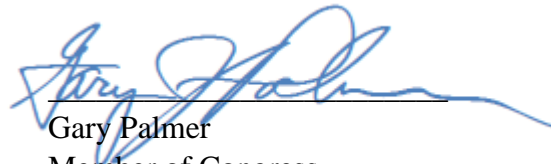
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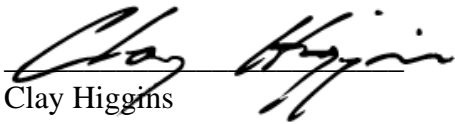
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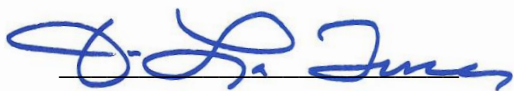
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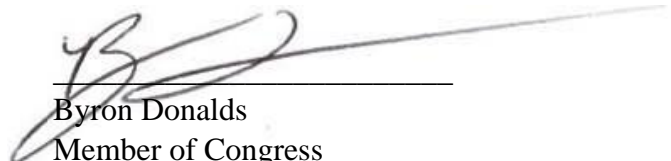
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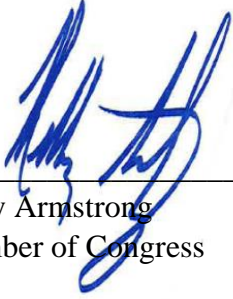
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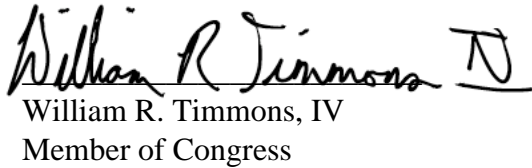
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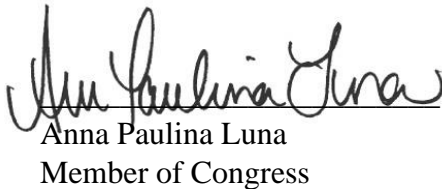
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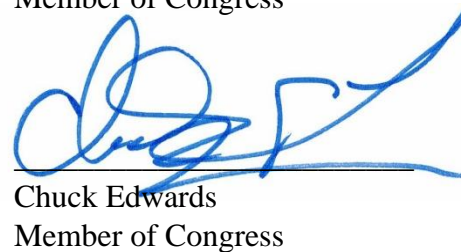
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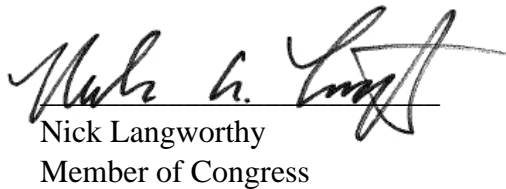
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