

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Langston:

The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability (Oversight Committee) and the House Committee on the Judiciary (Judiciary Committee, and with the Oversight Committee, the Committees) are investigating whether sufficient grounds exist to draft articles of impeachment against President Biden for consideration by the full House. Along with House Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith, we set forth in a September 27, 2023 memorandum the evidence justifying the inquiry and the scope of this impeachment investigation.¹

The Oversight Committee has reviewed bank records of individuals and entities associated with the Biden family as well as other evidence. This review uncovered a pattern of financial complexity. As detailed in the Impeachment Memorandum² and the Oversight Committee's Bank Memoranda, the Biden family used corporate bank accounts of third-party associates to receive wires from foreign companies and foreign nationals.³ The Biden business associates then dispersed money to various Biden family members in incremental payments over time.⁴ Moreover, subsequent to the initiation of the impeachment inquiry, the Committees subpoenaed bank records associated with Biden family members, and those documents raise additional concerns. For example, the Oversight Committee's review of subpoenaed records shows how James Biden used his bank accounts to accept "loans" from a domestic company and other individuals by leveraging the Biden name.

According to a *ProPublica* article, you "hosted fundraisers for Joe Biden" and solicited him for "legislative help."⁵ Federal campaign contribution records show along with hosting events for Joe Biden, you donated thousands of dollars in 2007 to "Biden for President, Inc."⁶ *The Wall Street Journal*, in January 2008, reported that you pled guilty to participating in a conspiracy to attempt to influence a judge by providing the judge with "favorable consideration"

¹ Memorandum (Sept. 27, 2023). From Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, Hon. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, & Hon. Jason Smith, Chairman, H. Comm. on Ways & Means, to H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, & H. Comm. on Ways & Means. Re: Impeachment Inquiry.

² *Id.*

³ *See, e.g.*, 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.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Daniel Golden et al., *The Benefits of Being Joe Biden's Brother*, ProPublica (Feb. 14, 2020).

⁶ Joseph C. Langston, U.S. Federal Election Commission Public Database for Individual Contributions, (June 29, 2007).

for a federal judgeship.⁷ Because of your illegal conduct, you were sentenced to three years in federal prison and fined \$250,000.⁸ In addition, the Mississippi State bar formally disbarred you from practicing law.⁹ On February 29, 2016, a federal judge denied your requests to have your “conviction for conspiring to bribe a judge thrown out” and your “record cleared.”¹⁰

As part of this investigation, the Committee recently obtained bank records related to President Biden’s brother and sister-in-law, James and Sara Biden, and an entity associated with them.¹¹ According to these bank records, a few weeks after you lost your appeal, your company, Langston Law Firm Consulting Inc., began making payments to James and Sara Biden directly and to their entity, the Lion Hall Group, as follows:

Date	Originating Account	Beneficiary Account	Transfer Method	Amount
4/18/2016	Langston Law Firm Consulting, Inc.	The Lion Hall Group	Wire	\$100,000
9/22/2016	Langston Law Firm Consulting, Inc.	The Lion Hall Group	Wire	\$34,000
9/30/2016	Langston Law Firm Consulting, Inc.	Jim Biden	Check stating “Loan”	\$16,000
10/26/2016	Langston Law Firm Consulting, Inc.	The Lion Hall Group	Wire	\$37,000
6/16/2017	Langston Law Firm Consulting, Inc.	The Lion Hall Group	Wire	\$25,000
				\$212,000

The Committee is interested in the nature and purpose of these payments, which totaled \$187,000 while Joe Biden was serving as Vice President. Furthermore, the Committee is interested in the complete record of your payments to James and Sara Biden and possible “loan” to James Biden.

Accordingly, we request that you make yourself available for a transcribed interview with Committee staff so that you can be questioned about the information you possess regarding James and Biden’s business dealings, including the over \$200,000 they received from your company.

As part of their investigation, the Committees also seek to craft legislative solutions aimed at deficiencies they have identified in the current legal framework regarding ethics laws and the disclosure of financial interests related to the immediate family members of Vice Presidents and Presidents. These deficiencies may place American national security and interests at risk. They may also provide opportunities for domestic corruption. The Committees are seeking meaningful reforms to government ethics and disclosure laws that will provide necessary transparency into a Vice President’s or President’s immediate family members’ income, assets, and financial relationships.

⁷ Ashby Jones, *Langston Pleads Guilty to Attempting to Influence a Judge*, The Wall Street Journal (Jan. 14, 2008).

⁸ Staff Report, Attorney gets 3 years in Miss. judicial bribery, Picayune Item (Dec. 18, 2008).

⁹ Miss. Supreme Court formally disbars Balducci, Langston, Meridian Star (Mar. 20, 2008).

¹⁰ Associated Press, Ex-Mississippi attorney loses bid to vacate conviction, Clarion Ledger (March 2, 2016).

¹¹ Press Release, *Comer Releases Evidence of Direct Payment to Joe Biden*, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability (Oct. 20, 2023).

The Committees also intend to craft legislation that would strengthen reporting requirements related to certain foreign transactions involving senior elected officials' family members and that would implement robust financial disclosure requirements that shed light on ownership of opaque corporate entities. Moreover, in order to prevent financial transactions from being structured in a way to evade oversight, the Committees are examining whether certain reporting requirements, including any new reporting requirements for senior elected officials' family members, should extend for a period of time after a President or Vice President leaves office.

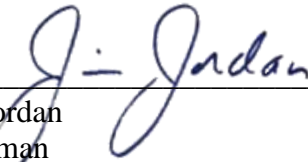
Accordingly, we request you make yourself available for a transcribed interview with Committee counsel. If you have any questions regarding this interview, please coordinate with James Mandolfo and Jake Greenberg with Oversight Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 and Steve Castor with Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Please contact staff by November 15, 2023, to schedule the interview.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important investigation.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Accountability



Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary