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Dear Mr. McAndrew:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on the Judiciary (collectively the Committees) are subpoenaing Mr. John Robinson Walker to appear for a deposition. These subpoenas are being issued pursuant to Rule XI.2(m)(1)(B) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule 12(g) of the Oversight Committee's rules, and Rule IV(a) of the Judiciary Committee's rules. Attached to this letter is the Oversight Committee's subpoena; the Judiciary Committee's subpoena will be transmitted to you separately.

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 Memorandum<sup>1</sup> and the Oversight Committee's Bank Memoranda,<sup>2</sup> the Biden family used corporate bank accounts of third-party associates to receive wires from foreign companies and foreign nationals. The Biden business associates then dispersed money to various Biden family members in incremental payments over time.

Indeed, your client established Robinson Walker, LLC (Robinson Walker), a limited liability company, in Delaware in 2008.<sup>3</sup> Robinson Walker was then used as a vehicle to receive foreign funds and send a percentage of the money to Biden family members. For example, while President Biden was Vice President, Robinson Walker received millions of dollars from a company owned by Gabriel Popoviciu, a Romanian who was then the subject of a high-profile corruption prosecution in his home country.<sup>4</sup> Following the receipt of this money, Robinson Walker sent over one million dollars to Biden family accounts, including those of Hunter Biden

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., 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.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 9.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 12.

and Hallie Biden.<sup>5</sup> Moreover, these payments to Robinson Walker started within approximately five weeks of then-Vice President Biden meeting with the President of Romania, where, according to the official readout, the issue of corruption was discussed.<sup>6</sup>

Additionally, Robinson Walker received a payment of three million dollars from State Energy HK Limited, a Chinese company, less than two months after President Biden left the Vice Presidency.<sup>7</sup> Then, over the course of the next three months, Robinson Walker made incremental payments totaling over one million dollars to Biden family members and their companies, including Hallie Biden and entities associated with Hunter Biden and James Biden.<sup>8</sup>

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.<sup>9</sup> Specifically, evidence shows that President Biden was at least aware of some of his family's business ventures and sought to influence potential business deals that financially benefited his family. Indeed, a Biden business associate, Devon Archer, testified how the Biden "brand" was used in retaining business, and that Joe Biden met with some of the foreign nationals who paid his family.<sup>10</sup>

The Committees require your client's testimony to provide evidence that is relevant to the impeachment inquiry. In particular, your client played a key role in the Biden family's business dealings and the chain of complex financial transactions that was used to hide the foreign sources of the funds received by the Biden family. Therefore, your client is in a position to provide information related to whether, among other things, Joe Biden, as Vice President and/or President: (1) took any official action or effected any change in government policy because of money or other things of value provided to himself or his family, including whether concerns that Chinese sources may release additional evidence about their business relationships with the Biden family have had any impact on official acts performed by President Biden or U.S. foreign policy; (2) abused his office of public trust by providing foreign interests with access to him and his office in exchange for payments to his family or him; or (3) abused his office of public trust by knowingly participating in a scheme to enrich himself or his family by giving foreign interests the impression that they would receive access to him and his office in exchange for payments to his family or him.

The Oversight Committee previously requested Mr. Walker's voluntary participation in its legislative oversight investigation on March 17 and May 30, 2023. The Oversight Committee sought to interview Mr. Walker about his role in the Biden family's international business activities. In your June 13, 2023, letter to the Oversight Committee, you stated, "Mr. Walker

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> 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, at 2-3.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Supra*, fn. 1.

<sup>10</sup> Transcript of Devon Archer, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability (July 31, 2023).

reiterates that he is unable to provide insight into President Biden’s involvement in his family’s business practices.”<sup>11</sup>

At the outset, it is the Committee’s prerogative to decide how to run its investigation, and Mr. Walker’s subjective belief about whether the information of which he has personal knowledge is helpful is simply not relevant. In any event, the Committees have good reason to believe that Mr. Walker does, in fact, have information relevant to our investigation. Since your letter, for example, the Committee on Ways and Means made public Mr. Walker’s December 2020 recorded interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) criminal investigators<sup>12</sup> and an FBI FD-302 form documenting an interview with Mr. Walker in 2021.<sup>13</sup> These documents confirm that Mr. Walker does in fact have knowledge relevant to the Committees’ investigation, particularly President Biden’s connection to his family’s business activity involving the Chinese entity CEFC China Energy (CEFC). For example, in the 2020 interview, Mr. Walker stated that Joe Biden attended a CEFC meeting in Washington, D.C.<sup>14</sup> Further, Mr. Walker was asked if he had ever heard Hunter Biden say he was arranging a meeting with Joe Biden while Joe Biden was still in office, to which Mr. Walker replied, “Yeah.”<sup>15</sup>

The testimony sought by these subpoenas is also relevant to ongoing efforts to craft legislative reforms to federal ethics and financial disclosure laws. As part of our investigation, the Committees seek to craft legislative solutions aimed at deficiencies it has 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—deficiencies that may place American national security and interests at risk. Specifically, the Committees are concerned that foreign nationals appear to have sought access and influence by engaging in lucrative business relationships with high-profile political figures’ immediate family members.

The Committees are investigating the national security implications of a Vice President’s or President’s (and candidates for such offices) immediate family members receiving millions of dollars from foreign nationals, foreign companies, or foreign governments without any oversight. Current financial disclosure laws and regulations do not require non-dependent family members of senior elected officials to provide any information to the public. 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.

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, to prevent financial transactions from being

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<sup>11</sup> Letter from Mr. Edward J. McAndrew to Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability (June 13, 2023), at 4 (internal quotations omitted).

<sup>12</sup> FBI/IRS Interview of John Robinson Walker, Dec. 8, 2020.

<sup>13</sup> FD-302 form, Interview of John Robinson Walker, Feb. 22, 2022.

<sup>14</sup> *Supra*, fn. 12, at 81-82.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 82.

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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.

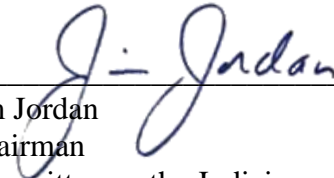
The Committees aim to draft legislation that delivers more transparency to the American people, deters foreign interests from attempting to obtain influence over and access to the highest levels of the federal government by entering into business deals with Presidential and Vice-Presidential family members, discourages such family members from profiting from their relative's public service, and ensures the nation is safe from our foreign adversaries. This deposition is critical in achieving these legislative goals.

As Chairmen of the Committees, we urge you to cooperate speedily and in good faith with these subpoenas. If you have any questions regarding this subpoena, 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.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member  
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