



House Committee on Oversight and Accountability

118th Congress Accomplishments

Note from the Chairman

Dear Colleague,

When Republicans reclaimed the majority for the 118th Congress, we pledged to restore the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability to its proper role of rooting out waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the federal government and holding the Biden-Harris Administration accountable. We have succeeded.

Since the Biden-Harris Administration received no oversight from the Democrat majority in the 117th Congress, our plate was full. In fact, Democrats received an “F” in oversight from the nonpartisan Lugar Center. Since the start of the 118th Congress, we moved quickly to make up for lost time. We have held over 130 hearings with over 100 government witnesses to date. We issued more than 50 subpoenas and sent over 600 investigative letters. But it’s not just about the numbers; it’s about the results.

Our effective, targeted oversight has led to transparency, accountability, and solutions for the American people. We exposed President Joe Biden’s involvement in his family’s multimillion-dollar influence peddling racket and sent criminal referrals to the Department of Justice recommending prosecution of his son and brother for their lies to Congress to protect “the Big Guy.” We heard directly from the Chief Patrol Agents battling the Biden-Harris border crisis about policies fueling the worst border crisis in U.S. history and brought their words directly to the American people. We held accountable Biden-Harris Administration officials implementing a radical environmental agenda that is jeopardizing jobs, energy security, and national security. We forced the Biden-Harris Administration to increase in-person work at federal agencies. We have provided recommendations to protect taxpayers from waste, fraud, and abuse in pandemic-era unemployment relief programs. We have produced legislation to prevent federal bureaucrats from pressuring social media companies to censor Americans’ views expressed online. We forced Director Cheatle to resign after the Secret Service’s historic failures to prevent the attempted assassination of President Trump. And we exposed how COVID-19 likely originated from the Wuhan lab and got EcoHealth Alliance debarred for their risky gain-of-function research that Dr. Fauci funded.

These are just a few examples of the great work we have done for the American people under the leadership of our subcommittee chairs: Representatives Pat Fallon, Glenn Grothman, Nancy Mace, Lisa McClain, Pete Sessions, and Brad Wenstrup. We still have more work to do, but I am proud of what we have accomplished together.



CHAIRMAN
JAMES COMER

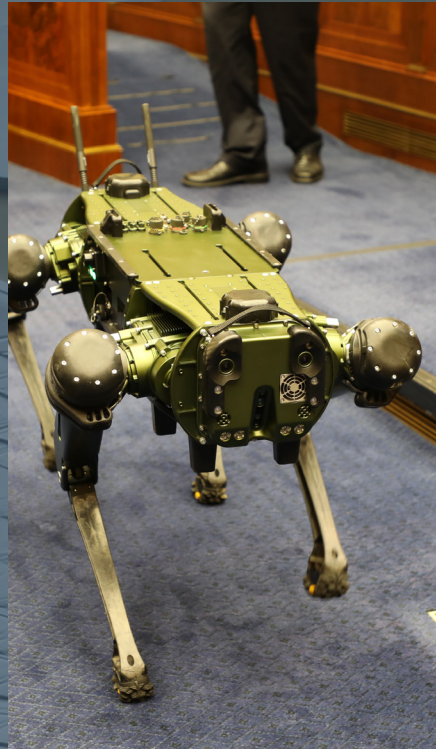


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Into Law

* As of Oct. 4, 2024

135 Hearings

- Full Committee (33)
- Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation Subcommittee (18)*
- Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee (17)*
- Health Care and Financial Services Subcommittee (13)*
- Government Operations and the Federal Workforce Subcommittee (15)*
- National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs Subcommittee (18)*
- Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (23)

*Held a joint hearing

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Became Law:

- Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 (P.L. 118-1) sponsored by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA)
- Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act (P.L. 118-38) sponsored by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
- Federal Prison Oversight Act (P.L. 118-71) sponsored by Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA) and Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)

Passed Congress and Vetoed by the President:

- Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (H.J.Res. 42) sponsored by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA)

Passed the U.S. House:

- Stopping Home Office Work's Unproductive Problems Act (SHOW UP) Act (H.R. 139) sponsored by Rep. James Comer (R-KY)
- Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (H.R. 140) sponsored by Rep. James Comer (R-KY)
- Guidance Out of Darkness (GOOD) Act (H.R. 890) sponsored by Rep. James Comer (R-KY)
- D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act (H.R. 4984) sponsored by Rep. James Comer (R-KY)
- Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 (H.J.Res. 24) sponsored by Rep. James Comer (R-KY)
- Chance to Compete Act (H.R. 159) sponsored by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
- Astronaut Safe Temporary Ride Options (ASTRO) Act (H.R. 272) sponsored by Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX)
- Settlement Agreement Information Database (SAID) Act (H.R. 300) sponsored by Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)
- Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation (REIN IN) Act (H.R. 347) sponsored by Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY)
- Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act (H.R. 4502) sponsored by Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)
- Modernizing Government Technology Reform Act (H.R. 5527) sponsored by Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)
- Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act (H.R. 5528) sponsored by Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL)
- Government Service Delivery Improvement Act (H.R. 5887) sponsored by Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)
- Securing the Chain of Command Continuity Act (H.R. 6972) sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Kiggans (R-VA)
- Equal Representation Act (H.R. 7109) sponsored by Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC)
- Information Quality Assurance Act (H.R. 7219) sponsored by Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI)
- GSA Technology Accountability Act (H.R. 7524) sponsored by Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)
- Special District Grant Accessibility Act (H.R. 7525) sponsored by Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX)
- Mail Traffic Deaths Reporting Act (H.R. 7527) sponsored by Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA)
- Comment Integrity and Management Act (H.R. 7528) sponsored by Rep. Clay Higgins (R-LA)
- D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safer (D.C. CRIMES) Act (H.R. 7530) sponsored by Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL)
- BIOSECURE Act (H.R. 8333) sponsored by Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)
- Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act (S. 1258) sponsored by Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)

Investigation of the Bidens' Influence Peddling Schemes

The House Oversight Committee investigated the Biden family's domestic and international business dealings revealing Joe Biden abused his office and violated his oath of office as Vice President by engaging in a conspiracy to peddle influence to enrich his family. The Oversight Committee's investigation exposed how President Biden repeatedly lied to the American people about his family's corrupt influence peddling schemes. As President, Joe Biden and the Biden-Harris Administration obstructed the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry and the criminal investigation of President Biden's son.





Key Findings

- From 2014 to the present, as part of a conspiracy to monetize Joe Biden's office of public trust to enrich the Biden family, Biden family members and their associates received over \$27 million from foreign individuals or entities. In order to obscure the source of these funds, the Biden family and their associates set up shell companies to conceal these payments from scrutiny. The Biden family used proceeds from these business activities to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars to Joe Biden – including thousands of dollars that are directly traceable to China. While Jim Biden claimed he gave this money to Joe Biden to repay personal loans, Jim Biden did not provide any evidence to support this claim. The Biden family's receipt of millions of dollars required Joe Biden's knowing participation in this conspiracy, including while he served as Vice President.
- Joe Biden used his status as Vice President to garner favorable outcomes for his son's and his business partners' foreign business dealings. Witnesses acknowledged that Hunter Biden involved Vice President Biden in many of his business dealings with Russian, Romanian, Chinese, Kazakhstani, and Ukrainian individuals and companies. Then Vice President Biden met or spoke with nearly every one of the Biden family's foreign business associates, including those from Ukraine, China, Russia, and Kazakhstan. As a result, the Biden family has received millions of dollars from these foreign entities.
- The Biden family leveraged Joe Biden's positions of public trust to obtain over \$8 million in loans from Democratic benefactors. Millions of dollars in loans have not been repaid and the paperwork supporting many of the loans does not exist and has not been produced to the Committees. This raises serious questions about whether these funds were provided as gifts disguised as loans.

Key Findings (Cont.)

- Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the Justice Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) afforded special treatment to President Biden's son, Hunter Biden. Several witnesses acknowledged the delicate approach used during the Hunter Biden case, describing the investigation as "sensitive" or "significant." Evidence shows that Department officials slow-walked the investigation, informed defense counsel of future investigative actions, prevented line investigators from taking otherwise ordinary investigative steps, and allowed the statute of limitations to expire on the most serious felony charges. These unusual – and oftentimes in the view of witnesses, unprecedented – tactics conflicted with standard operating procedures and ultimately had the effect of benefiting Hunter Biden.
- The Biden-Harris Justice Department misled Congress about the independence of law enforcement entities in the criminal investigation of Hunter Biden. Biden-Harris Administration political appointees exercised significant oversight and control over the investigation of the President's son. Witnesses described how U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware and now-Special Counsel David Weiss, who oversaw the investigation and prosecution of Hunter Biden, had to seek (1) agreement from other U.S. Attorneys to bring cases in a district geographically distinct from his own and (2) approval from the Biden Justice Department's Tax Division to bring specific charges or take investigative actions against Hunter Biden. Despite the clear conflict of interest, Weiss was only afforded special counsel status after the investigation came under congressional scrutiny.
- The White House has obstructed the Committees' impeachment inquiry by withholding key documents and witnesses. The White House has impeded the Committees' investigation of President Biden's unlawful retention of classified documents, by refusing to make relevant witnesses available for interviews and by erroneously asserting executive privilege over audio recordings from Special Counsel Hur's interviews with President Biden. In addition, the White House is preventing the National Archives from turning over documents that are material to the Committees' inquiry.

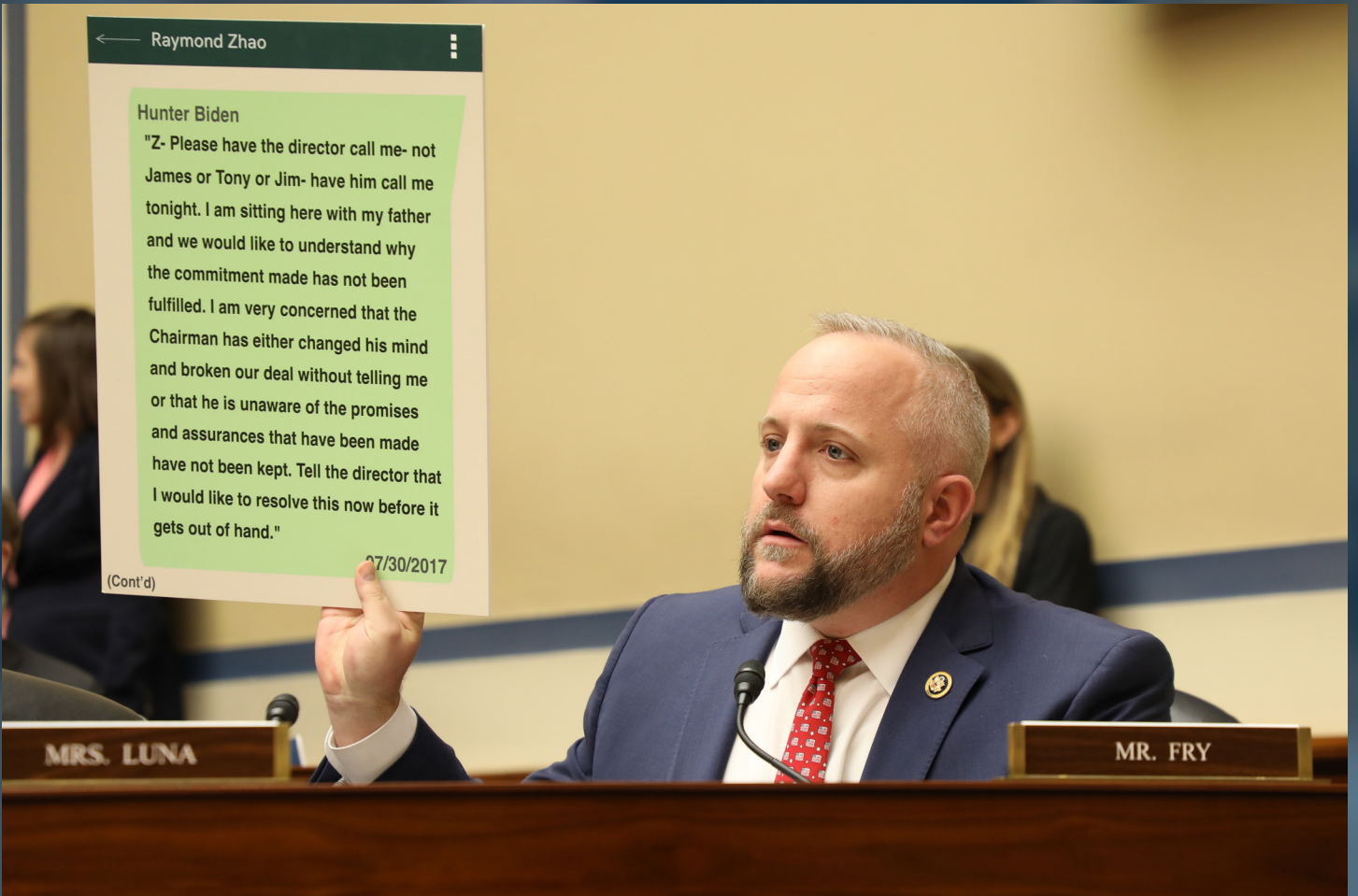




“The evidence produced by our impeachment inquiry is the strongest case for impeachment of a sitting president the House of Representatives has ever investigated.”

Accountability

- **Impeachment Inquiry Report:** The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Committee on the Judiciary, and Committee on Ways and Means released a report on the impeachment inquiry of President Joe Biden, finding he committed impeachable offenses.
- **Criminal Referrals:** House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman James Comer, House Committee on the Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan, and House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith sent criminal referrals to the Department of Justice recommending Hunter and James Biden be charged with making false statements to Congress about key aspects of the impeachment inquiry of President Joe Biden. These false statements implicate Joe Biden's knowledge of and role in his family's influence peddling schemes and appear to be a calculated effort to shield Joe Biden from the impeachment inquiry.
- **Legislation:** Chairman James Comer introduced the bipartisan Presidential Ethics Reform Act, a landmark federal ethics reform bill to deliver transparency to the American people and enable robust congressional oversight. In addition to requiring disclosure of conflicts of interest while in office, the bill requires presidents and vice presidents to disclose foreign payments, expensive gifts, loan transactions, and tax returns during the two-year period prior to time in office, during time in office, and for two years following departure from office. The bill also requires presidents and vice presidents to make disclosures for immediate family members who receive foreign payments, expensive gifts, or loans, or who use official travel for personal business.







Oversight of the Biden-Harris Administration's Border Crisis

The Oversight Committee has investigated the Biden-Harris Administration's radical open borders policies that have created the worst border crisis in American history. Since the Biden-Harris Administration assumed office, there have been more than eight million illegal aliens encountered entering the country through the southwest border and over 1.9 million gotaways. Because of the Biden-Harris Administration's reckless policies, human trafficking is flourishing, deadly drugs such as fentanyl are pouring into towns across the U.S., and our laws are being flouted. The Oversight Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Comer and Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs Chairman Glenn Grothman, is committed to holding the Biden-Harris Administration accountable for its dereliction of duty and is seeking solutions to support the men and women who risk their lives to protect our border daily.



Heard from Law Enforcement on the Biden-Harris Border Crisis

- **Heard Directly from Chief Patrol Agents:** The Oversight Committee's second hearing of the 118th Congress heard testimony from two Chief Patrol Agents who stated the border crisis is “overwhelming” and there is not a “correct adjective to describe what’s going on.” The Committee then conducted transcribed interviews with nine Chief Patrol Agents from southwest border sectors who are battling the Biden-Harris border crisis.
- **Field Hearing in Sierra Vista, AZ:** Members of the Oversight Committee traveled to the border to hear from local law enforcement, a former immigration judge, and a local rancher about how failed policies from the Biden-Harris Administration have caused a national security and humanitarian catastrophe and harmed communities both locally and across the country. During the visit to the Tucson sector, members saw firsthand how local law enforcement is overworked, underfunded, and under siege from a wave of illegal immigration, crime, and narcotics.



Examining the Impacts of the Biden-Harris

Border Crisis

- **Terrorist Entries:** The Oversight Committee obtained access to more detailed information from DHS related to illegal entries of individuals with derogatory information in terrorist screening databases.
- **Fentanyl Crisis:** The border crisis has diverted resources and manpower away from securing the border, and cartel criminals take every tactical advantage they can to cross narcotics at ports of entry and in between. At a hearing with the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, he confirmed 90 percent of fentanyl is coming through ports of entry.
- **Lost Migrant Children:** The Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing to examine how the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement's (ORR) actions contributed to unaccompanied alien children (UAC) being placed into unsafe situations with poorly vetted sponsors and, all too frequently, exploited for illegal child labor practices. Robin Dunn Marcos, Director of ORR, was unable to answer basic questions about HHS's handling of UAC, which has prioritized the speedy release of UAC over their safety.
- **Halted Border Wall Construction:** The Committee investigated the sell-off of materials procured for the border barrier system by the Biden-Harris Administration, as well as conflicting Administration policy statements on the efficacy of border barriers in securing the border against illegal entries.



“The Biden-Harris Administration has facilitated the worst border crisis in history. Since January of 2021, more than ten million aliens have entered the country illegally and encountered Border Patrol, have been paroled into the country under the Administration’s abusive authorities under the INA, or are gotaways who evaded Border Patrol entirely when crossing the border between ports of entry.”

– Rep. Andy Biggs



Investigating “Border Czar” Kamala Harris’s Role in the Border Crisis:

The Oversight Committee is seeking documents and communications between U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Executive Office of the Vice President to understand Vice President Harris’s role in effectuating the ongoing crisis at the southwest border.

Accountability

- **Report:** The Oversight and Homeland Security Committees issued a joint staff report which contains excerpts of interviews with U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents on the frontlines of the Biden-Harris border crisis and highlights the need for policy changes by the Biden-Harris Administration to curtail the unprecedented flow of migrants, narcotics, and crime at the southwest border.



MR. GROTHMAN

“President Biden and his ‘border czar’, Vice President Harris, have created the worst border crisis in American history by knowingly dismantling the very tools and policies that deter illegal immigration. This border crisis is not without cost. Americans have been murdered, raped, burglarized, and violently assaulted by illegal aliens who should not be free to roam our country. Foreign gangs are infiltrating our communities and fentanyl pouring across the southern border is killing hundreds of thousands of Americans. The massive influx of illegal aliens is burdening our healthcare, justice, education, and social service systems – placing American taxpayers on the hook as they continue to suffer from skyrocketing inflation due to this Administration’s spending binge.”

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
GLENN GROTHMAN**

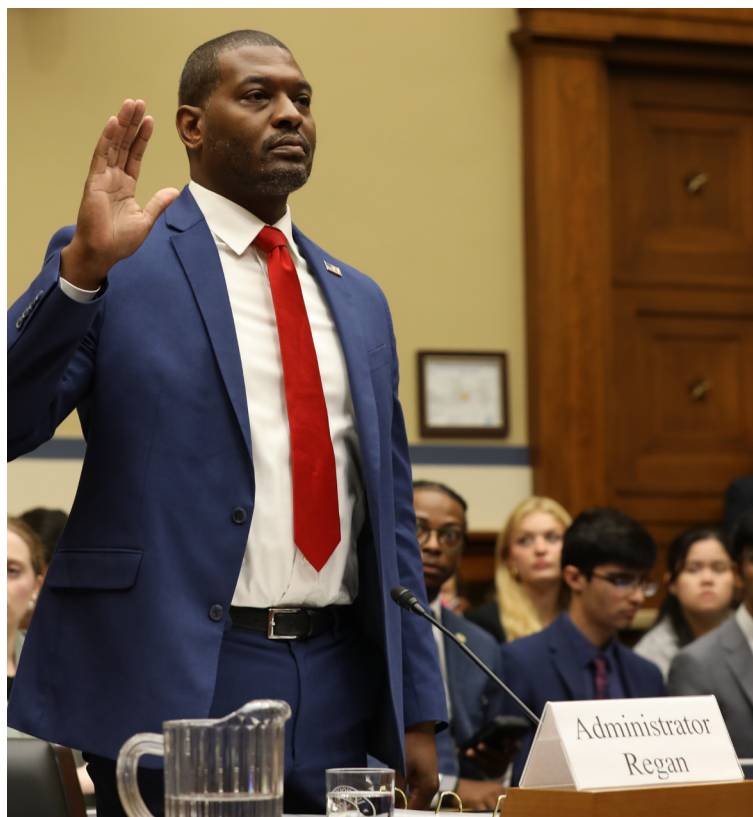
Exposing the Biden-Harris Administration's Radical Environmental Agenda

The Biden-Harris Administration has put the interests of left-wing special interest groups and radical climate activists over the energy needs of the American people. The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs Chairman Pat Fallon have been hard at work exposing how the Biden-Harris Administration weaponized the power of the executive branch to wage a war against American-made energy production in favor of costly, radical energy policies. The Oversight Committee has found and confirmed through hearings with Biden-Harris Administration officials and energy experts that the Biden-Harris Administration's energy decisions have jeopardized economic opportunities, threatened our energy and national security, raised energy costs for Americans, and hurt small businesses across the country.



Publicly Held Accountable Biden-Harris Administration Officials Pushing Radical Agenda

Held Hearings with Lead Department and Agency Officials on the Biden-Harris Administration's War on American-Made Energy: The Oversight Committee has held hearings with Biden-Harris Administration officials, including U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan, to hold them accountable for the Biden-Harris Administration's energy crisis.



Held Hearings to Examine National Security Implications of the Biden-Harris Energy Crisis: The Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing with executive branch officials to examine the economic and national security implications of continuing to rely on China for critical minerals and materials used in electric vehicles, military assets, healthcare, and electronic applications. The Subcommittee also conducted hearings to examine how Biden-Harris Administration policies will undermine grid stability and create an uncertain future for power generation.

Held Hearings with Agency Officials Implementing Policies to Limit Consumer Choice: The Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs forced DOE to respond to questions regarding its burdensome proposed rulemakings on gas stoves and other home appliances. The Subcommittee also brought in an EPA official to testify on its sweeping green regulations on traditional cars, trucks, other highway vehicles, mandating a transition to electric vehicles, and limiting consumer choices.



Brought Transparency to the Biden-Harris Administration's Policies Harming U.S. Energy Production

- **Report on the Biden-Harris Administration's Green New Deal:** The Oversight Committee issued a staff report on the Biden-Harris Administration's radical Green New Deal agenda, including recommendations to unleash domestic energy production to lower costs for Americans.
- **Report on the Biden-Harris Administration's Expansive Regulations:** The Oversight Committee issued a staff report detailing the substantial economic impacts of the \$1.7 trillion in federal regulatory costs imposed by the Biden-Harris Administration and how businesses and consumers will be left shouldering the financial burden for these radical, left-wing policies.

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“Energy and federal government spending are the two biggest drivers of inflation. And it is eating Americans alive. They can't afford rent; they can't afford groceries; they can't afford electricity; they can't afford gas. How are we driving down prices to help the American people? What the Biden Administration is doing isn't working.”

– Rep. Michael Waltz

Brought Transparency to the Biden-Harris Administration's Policies Harming U.S. Energy Production (Cont.)

- **Exposed Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration's Energy Crisis:** The Oversight Committee exposed how the Biden-Harris Administration critically undermined our nation's energy independence by shutting down the Keystone XL pipeline, implementing a moratorium on oil and gas production on federal lands, banning new liquified natural gas exports, and draining U.S. oil reserves – increasing costs for Americans, killing thousands of high-paying American jobs, and undermining American energy security.
- **Obtained Documents Showing the Biden-Harris Administration is Disregarding the Costs and Illegality of Its Anti-Fossil Fuel Policies:** Documents obtained by the Oversight Committee from an interagency review of the Biden-Harris EPA's proposed emissions rule suggest the Biden-Harris Administration questioned the cost and legality of its drastic rule yet continued to push it forward. The documents contain anonymous comments from federal agencies, potentially including the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Energy Department, National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi, the Justice Department, and the White House General Counsel.



“American leadership in energy helped dramatically reduce global energy prices and brought significant economic prosperity to both the communities supplying these resources and communities across the globe who have experienced improved standards of living. This is no small feat, and one that we should take an immense amount of pride in as a country. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration and congressional Democrats have sought to vilify the oil and gas industry for contributing to climate change, and they blame hardworking folks, like those here in Texas, for their problems.”

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PAT FALLON



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Getting the Federal Workforce Back to the Office

During the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the federal workforce stayed home. But as the rest of America went back to work in-person, federal workers did not. The American people suffered as a result. They waited for months for the Social Security Administration to answer their questions and provide their benefits. Veterans waited for months to get their medical records from the National Archives. Meanwhile, the Biden-Harris Administration showered federal workers with perks and pay increases all while working from home well after the pandemic ended. The House Oversight Committee and Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce Chairman Pete Sessions have worked to ensure federal workers return to their places of work and provide better service to the American people.

Oversight of the Biden-Harris Administration's Prolonged Pandemic-Era Telework Policies

Investigation into Expanded Federal Agency Telework: Prior to the COVID pandemic, telework in federal agencies was far from the norm. In fact, across both Democratic and Republican administrations, telework rates grew slowly. During the pandemic, agencies adopted a maximum telework posture. After COVID, however, the Biden-Harris Administration portrayed telework as an unmitigated success and moved to make expanded telework permanent policy. Yet, despite claiming to be a “data-driven” administration, they provided no evidence to back up this claim. Oversight Committee Republicans, led by Chairman Comer, Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce Chairman Pete Sessions, and Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, led where the Biden-Harris Administration chose not to in an effort to address the most important question: *did expanded telework impact agency missions, and if so, how?*

Made Clear the Mission is Most Important:

- **The SHOW UP Act:** One of the first bills to pass the House this Congress was Chairman Comer's SHOW UP Act (H.R. 139), which requires agencies to return to pre-COVID telework levels until they can certify expanded telework has not harmed their ability to accomplish their mission.

Forced the Administration to Take Action:

- After seeing that Republicans meant business regarding federal telework, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) finally took steps to collect the data necessary to accurately know how many federal workers were teleworking at any given time.
- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) finally issued guidance directing agencies to develop plans to better measure their performance – including a way to measure the impact of telework.

Demanded the Data:

- Chairman Comer, Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce Chairman Sessions, and Rep. Boebert sent letters to 25 agencies in May 2023 asking for basic telework data. After most agencies failed to respond, they sent another round of letters threatening subpoenas. Most responses were woefully insufficient; nevertheless, Chairman Sessions held two hearings to attempt to glean important information from agencies. Some lessons were learned – but these efforts highlighted the fact that agencies did not know how to measure performance – especially how telework impacted performance.



Kept up the Pressure on Key Biden-Harris

Administration Officials:

- Oversight Republicans have continued to press the Biden-Harris Administration for answers, including answers as to why civil servants have ignored President Biden himself and his chief of staff when asked to return to the office.
- Unlike Democrats, Oversight Republicans have regularly called Biden-Harris Administration officials to testify before the Committee:
 - **OPM:** Then OPM Director Kiran Ahuja testified at one of the first hearings before the Oversight Committee. Committee Republicans exposed any claim of using good data to make decisions through her inability to say how many federal workers were then teleworking. Over a year later, OPM Acting Director Rob Shriver could only provide a figure for the same outdated data Ms. Ahuja attempted to use and still could not provide the current number of federal teleworkers.
 - **GSA:** After GAO reported on high vacancy rates in federal buildings, the Committee held a hearing with General Services Administration (GSA) Administrator Robin Carnahan to examine how, as the federal government's primary real estate agent and property manager, GSA intended to rein in spending on empty or underutilized office space.
 - **OMB:** The Committee held a hearing with OMB Deputy Director for Management Jason Miller. At the hearing, members exposed how OMB claims to use data-driven management but has failed to provide key data to the Oversight Committee that explains or justifies major management policies, such as federal employee telework.
 - **Customer Service Delays:** The Government Operations Subcommittee held a hearing with witnesses from the U.S. Social Security Administration, the National Personnel Records Center, and the Department of State who testified that pandemic-era policies have created delays and inefficiencies.

Accountability

Forced Biden-Harris Administration to Act: The Oversight Committee drove the Biden-Harris Administration to attempt to improve data collection around telework and remote work and to better assess their impact on federal agencies. The Committee's work also forced the Biden-Harris Administration to increase in-person work at federal agencies.

“The underlying question remains the same: are the telework policies in federal agencies putting mission accomplishment—and the American taxpayer—first?”

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
PETE SESSIONS**



MR. PUGH

Exposing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Pandemic Unemployment Relief Benefits

While unemployment insurance (UI) compensation programs in the United States have a long history of improper payments, new temporary pandemic UI programs created by Congress and administered by states and territories in response to the COVID-19 pandemic led to an unprecedented amount of fraud and improper payments. Although the full extent of this fraud and the money lost may never be fully known, the House Oversight Committee has investigated rampant waste, fraud, and abuse in pandemic relief programs and has provided recommendations to prevent it from happening again.

Investigation of Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Fraud

- **First Hearing of the 118th Congress:** To demonstrate the urgency of protecting taxpayer dollars from rampant waste, fraud, and abuse, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability held its very first hearing in the 118th Congress on pandemic spending, hearing testimony from witnesses about the massive fraud and improper payments in several pandemic relief programs, including pandemic unemployment programs. Prior to the hearing, on January 13, 2023, Chairman Comer wrote the U.S. Secretary of Labor, the U.S. Department of Labor Inspector General, the Director of the California Employment Development Department (EDD), the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), and the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (PADLI) to request documents and communications relating to rampant fraud and improper payments in pandemic unemployment programs.





- **Follow Up Hearing:** The Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing to examine the effectiveness of existing oversight mechanisms in federal agencies to identify and prevent improper payments and fraud. With the staggering magnitude of fraud and improper payments present in key pandemic-era programs, Congress can work with federal agencies to employ proactive, data-informed measures to prevent and identify fraud across the federal government.

Key Findings of the Investigation

- **Rampant Fraud:** The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) estimates that about 11 to 15 percent of total benefits paid during the pandemic were fraudulent, totaling between \$100 to \$135 billion. The Department of Labor (DOL) Office of Inspector General (OIG) estimated that at least \$191 billion in pandemic UI payments could have been improperly paid, with a significant portion attributable to fraud. As of March 2023, states reported recoveries of improper payments in an amount of only \$6.8 billion.



Key Findings of the Investigation (Cont.)

- **Claimants Didn't Provide Evidence They Were Actively Seeking Work:** Pandemic UI benefits led to 69 percent of unemployed workers being eligible to receive benefits exceeding 100 percent of their wages and non-wage compensation. Claimants did not have to provide evidence that they were actively seeking work to continue receiving benefits. The design of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program led to massive fraud. During the program's first nine months, claimants did not have to provide any evidence of earnings or prior work which made the program susceptible to fraud. DOL reported that the PUA program had a total improper payment rate of 35.9 percent.
- **Many States Failed to Deploy Any Anti-Fraud Measures:** Due to outdated IT systems, staffing shortages, and new UI programs being implemented, many states did not deploy any anti-fraud measures, leading to criminals being able to successfully file fraudulent claims and avoid detection. Many states ignored DOL OIG's warnings about modernizing IT and staffing concerns for years and did nothing to address those problems until it was too late. Insiders, including those who worked for state workforce agencies, conspired with organized crime factions and other individuals to defraud state UI programs and the states did little to stop them. Some states even hired individuals convicted of identity theft to process UI claims.
- **Democrats Want to Make Temporary Pandemic UI Programs Permanent:** Despite evidence from OIG and GAO that the PUA program suffered from a higher rate of fraud and improper payments than other pandemic UI programs or regular UI, the White House, DOL Acting Secretary Julie Su, and Congressional Democrats have released plans to expand UI by increasing benefits and making PUA recipients permanently eligible for benefits.

Accountability:

The House Oversight Committee issued a report with recommendations to protect taxpayers. Some of the key findings include:

- **Unemployment Insurance Should Always Be Tied to Work:** All future temporary UI benefits programs must require claimants to provide proof of prior work before claims will be reviewed for eligibility.
- **More Anti-Fraud Mechanisms:** All future temporary UI benefits programs must require state workforce agencies to cross-check claimant PII against all available databases, such as federal prisoner databases, as recommended by OIG and law enforcement, prior to approving benefits. States and state workforce agencies should prioritize modernizing IT systems to process UI claims, while also considering partnering with employers in the state to fund the necessary investment for these initiatives.
- **No Criminals Processing Government Benefits:** Individuals with convictions for identity theft, mail and wire fraud, and related criminal convictions should not be hired to process government benefits. If necessary, state laws should be amended to prevent the hiring of these individuals to combat improper payments and fraud.
- **Provide Prosecutors with More Tools to Fight Fraud:** Congress should consider extending the statute of limitations for the fraud programs associated with the pandemic UI programs, which are due to expire in March 2025, so that criminals who defrauded taxpayers may be brought to justice.



Protecting Americans' Right to Free Speech

The Biden-Harris Administration and federal agencies have sought to censor Americans' protected speech by pressuring social media platforms to silence, censor, or remove certain news posted or views expressed online. The House Oversight Committee, along with other Republican-led committees, have shined a light on these heavy-handed censorship tactics that are stifling Americans' right to First Amendment protected speech.



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July 15, 2020 at 12:09 PM

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Security Clearances
To: Yoel Roth, [REDACTED]

All,

Since I brought up the security clearances during our call, I don't think we have anyone at Twitter who has a permanent security clearance. Correct me if I'm wrong. What I would propose is that 30 days out from the election, we get you temporary clearances. You get to pick who they would be. Let me know what you think. Thanks.

Regards,
Elvis

Elvis M. Chan
Supervisory Special Agent
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Protecting Americans' Right to Free Speech

- **New York Post's Reporting on Hunter Biden's Laptop:** The Oversight Committee held a hearing with Twitter executives who censored the New York Post's reporting on the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop, forcing them to admit the Post's reporting did not violate any Twitter policies but it was taken down anyway and they did nothing to verify the authenticity of the contents of the story.
- **Transparency on Current Efforts to Interfere in the 2024 Election:** In the lead up to the 2024 election, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation Chairwoman Nancy Mace called on President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to provide all White House communications with social media companies and between federal employees about efforts to pressure social media platforms to censor online content.
- **Meta's Potential Censorship of President Trump Assassination Attempt:** The House Oversight Committee is investigating Meta and Google following reports indicating Meta's AI assistant and Google Search's Autocomplete function generated inaccurate or nongermane information related to the assassination attempt on President Donald Trump.
- **NewsGuard:** The Oversight Committee is investigating the impact of NewsGuard on protected First Amendment speech and its potential to serve as a non-transparent agent of censorship campaigns.

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- **Protecting Speech from Government Censorship Act:** Chairman James Comer, along with House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and House Committee on the Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan, introduced the Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (H.R. 140). This bill, which was passed by the House, prohibits federal employees from pressuring social media companies to silence, censor, or remove Americans' views expressed online.
- **Accountability for Government Censorship Act:** Introduced by Rep. Scott Perry, the Accountability for Government Censorship Act (H.R. 1162) requires a government-wide report to Congress of every instance, over the past five years, that a federal agency has communicated with an interactive computer service for the purpose of removing, suppressing, restricting, or adding disclaimers to lawful speech. The report will include the agency employees who initiated the communication, the targeted platforms, and a justification of the action. Agency compliance with the reporting requirement will be audited by the inspectors general.



“The American People deserve to know how and why their hard-earned taxpayer dollars are being used by their own government to censor and suppress their God-given and Constitutionally protected right to free speech.”

– Rep. Scott Perry



Holding Pharmacy Benefit Managers Accountable for Rising Prescription Drug Prices

Pharmacy Benefit Managers' (PBMs) anticompetitive tactics are driving up health care costs for Americans and harming patient care. CVS Health's CVS Caremark, Cigna's Express Scripts, and United Health Group's Optum Rx control an estimated 80 percent of the PBM marketplace. Federal agencies administering health care programs for seniors, active-duty military, and federal employees rely on PBMs as middlemen to set drug prices, which opens the door to government waste at the expense of American taxpayers. Greater transparency in the PBM industry is vital to determine the impact that their tactics are having on patients, the pharmaceutical market, and health care programs administered by the federal government. The House Oversight and Accountability Committee is shining a light on this issue in the health care system and will continue to examine solutions to make prescription drugs more affordable for all Americans.

“We need transparency. That is the whole issue... We need transparency in pricing. We must have transparency in the cost of medical care. We have the best care in the world, but it is also the most expensive.” – Rep. Virginia Foxx



Investigated PBMs' Self-Benefiting Pricing Tactics

- **Investigation:** At the start of the 118th Congress, Chairman Comer initiated an investigation of PBMs' self-benefiting pricing tactics that jeopardize patient care, undermine local pharmacies, and raise prescription drug prices.
- **Hearings:** The Oversight Committee has held three hearings to expose harmful PBM practices and identify solutions.
 - At the first hearing, members heard from community pharmacists, a medical oncologist, and a transparent PBM as they examined PBMs' tactics at multiple levels of the payment and supply chains that are increasing costs for consumers and harming patient care.
 - At the second hearing, members and witnesses highlighted how PBMs have monopolized the pharmaceutical marketplace and pushed anticompetitive practices that undermine patient health and deliberately drive up the cost of prescription drugs.
 - At the third hearing, members pressed PBM chief executives on their role in rising prescription drug costs.



Accountability and Solutions

- **Getting Lifesaving Medicine to Americans:** At the hearing with PBM chief executives, Rep. Buddy Carter exposed how CVS Caremark denied Mattie, one of his constituents, access to a lifesaving drug he had been on for two years, and Mattie almost died as a result. After the hearing, CVS Caremark approved Mattie's medicine.
- **Exposed PBMs' Anticompetitive Tactics:** The House Oversight Committee issued a report showing how PBMs inflate prescription drug costs and interfere with patient care for their own financial benefit. The report concludes that the present role of PBMs in prescription drug markets is failing and requires Congress and states to implement legislative reforms to increase the transparency of the PBM market.
- **Called on PBM Executives to Correct Hearing Testimony:** Chairman James Comer called on the CEOs of three major PBMs – CVS Caremark, Express Scripts, and Optum Rx – to correct the record for statements made during their appearance before the House Oversight Committee at a hearing.
- **Passed the DRUG Act:** The Oversight Committee passed the DRUG Act, which creates certain requirements for PBMs that contract with a carrier offering health benefits plans offered under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, including de-linking PBM profits from rebates and fees in order to bring down the cost of prescriptions.



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Addressing the Chinese Communist Party's Influence and Infiltration in the U.S.

Without firing a single bullet, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is waging war against the U.S. by targeting, influencing, and infiltrating every economic sector and community in America. This coordinated influence and infiltration campaign by the CCP threatens U.S. military readiness, the technology sector, financial markets, agriculture industry, education systems, and intellectual property. The lives and security of all Americans are affected. The Oversight Committee is conducting oversight of federal agencies' response to this threat to ensure they are taking every action necessary to protect Americans from the CCP's ongoing political warfare.

Government-Wide Investigation into Federal Agencies' Response to CCP Threat

- **Investigating 25 Federal Agencies:** Chairman Comer sent letters to 25 federal agencies to investigate whether agencies acknowledge that the CCP is waging a cold war against the United States, conduct outreach to the American public, foster relevant expertise and offer trainings, implement CCP-specific strategies, and equip the American people to strengthen their communities, innovate and create the new technologies that will secure a strong future for the nation.
- **Briefings:** The Oversight Committee held briefings with 23 federal agencies revealing that there is no cohesive, government-wide strategy to identify, deter, and defeat CCP political warfare.
- **Hearings:** The Oversight Committee has held three hearings—with former federal officials, military and Intelligence Community leadership, diplomats, and China experts—to ensure the federal government is taking every action necessary to thwart CCP political warfare, economic warfare, and many other forms of warfare seeking to weaken and destroy America.
 - The first hearing featured China experts and examined how China is waging political warfare against the United States by targeting, infiltrating, and influencing every sector and community in America.
 - The second hearing featured witnesses with significant experience in sectors that have been targeted by CCP infiltration and influence operations; and focused on how the CCP seeks to influence and infiltrate U.S. businesses, federal agencies, and international organizations to advance its destructive global ambitions.
 - The third hearing examined what federal agencies should be doing to protect America from CCP political warfare.

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Report: The House Oversight Committee will issue a report later this fall detailing how under the Biden-Harris Administration, federal agencies do not have cohesive, government-wide strategy to identify, deter, and defeat CCP political warfare. The report will also contain recommendations to effectively combat the CCP's political warfare.

Holding D.C. Officials Accountable and Producing Results

The House Oversight Committee, which has jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, is exercising its constitutional duty by conducting oversight of the District of Columbia and holding D.C. officials accountable. The Committee's oversight is producing results: D.C.'s soft-on-crime bill was effectively blocked from becoming law, the Metropolitan Police Department cleared out the unlawful encampment on the George Washington University campus, and the D.C. Council reversed anti-police laws that were exposed by the Committee. The Committee is also working to advance economic opportunities to ensure our nation's capital is safe and prosperous for all Americans.

Addressing Unlawful, Antisemitic Protests at GWU

- **Called on Mayor Bowser to Clear Out Unlawful, Antisemitic Camp:** On April 30, 2024, House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman James Comer and House Committee on Education and the Workforce Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.) sent a letter to Mayor Muriel Bowser and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief Pamela Smith raising concerns about MPD's refusal to assist in clearing out an encampment of unlawful and antisemitic protestors on GWU's campus.



- **GWU Visit:** On May 1, 2024, House Committee on Oversight and Accountability Chairman James Comer and Representatives Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.), Anna Paulina Luna (R-Fla.), Byron Donalds (R-Fla.), Eric Burlison (R-Mo.), and William Timmons (R-S.C.) met with George Washington University leadership and toured the radical, antisemitic, and unlawful encampment on the university's campus. Following the tour, members called on D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser to empower the Metropolitan Police Department to clear out the unlawful encampment and restore the rule of law to protect students and staff.
- **MPD Clears Out Camp Hours Before Scheduled Hearing:** In the early morning of May 8 – just hours before the Oversight Committee planned to hold a scheduled hearing with Mayor Bowser and MPD Chief Pamela Smith – MPD finally cleared out the camp. It took the threat of a potential Oversight Committee hearing for Mayor Bowser to finally act.



Addressing Crime in D.C.

Legislation:

- **House Joint Resolution 26:** This resolution blocked the D.C. Council's "District of Columbia's Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022" from taking effect. Under Chairman Comer's leadership, it passed the House and Senate, and was signed into law by President Biden.
- **House Joint Resolution 42:** This resolution would have blocked the D.C. Council's anti-police bill from taking effect. It passed the House and Senate, but President Biden vetoed it. Notably, the D.C. Council eventually rolled back many of this law's provisions after congressional oversight and pressure.

Addressing Crime in D.C. (Cont.)

Hearings: The House Oversight Committee has held two hearings on the D.C. crime crisis.

- **March 29, 2023:** At the Committee's hearing, *Overdue Oversight of the Capital City: Part 1*, members highlighted how D.C. officials have failed their responsibility to keep Americans safe, spur local economic development, adequately fund local law enforcement, and provide good educational opportunities. Witnesses included: Phil Mendelson, DC Council Chairman; Charles Allen, D.C. Councilmember; Gregory Pemberton, D.C. Police Union Chief; and Glenn Lee, Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia.
- **May 16, 2023:** At the Committee's second hearing, *Overdue Oversight of the Capital City: Part II*, members questioned Mayor Muriel Bowser, U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves, then MPD Police Chief Robert Contee, and City Administrator Kevin Donahue about efforts to prevent and prosecute crime in the district and spur economic growth.



Creating Economic Opportunities in D.C.

Introduced H.R. 4984, the D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act: The bipartisan legislation will repurpose approximately 174 acres of unused federal land in the nation's capital and provide Washington D.C. the opportunity to revitalize the vacant RFK stadium site. The legislation is set to pave the way for Washington to create meaningful new jobs, add millions in city revenue, and transform the Anacostia River waterfront into a lively destination for residents and visitors. This bill passed the House on February 28, 2024.



Oversight of the Secret Service and Attempted Assassination of President Trump

On July 13, 2024, a gunman attempted to assassinate President Donald J. Trump, killed a retired fire chief, and harmed several individuals at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. The U.S. Secret Service (USSS) has a no-fail mission, yet it failed historically at the Trump campaign rally. The House Oversight Committee, which has a bipartisan record of oversight of the Secret Service, acted quickly to conduct oversight of this historic failure and prevent a similar incident from happening again in the future.



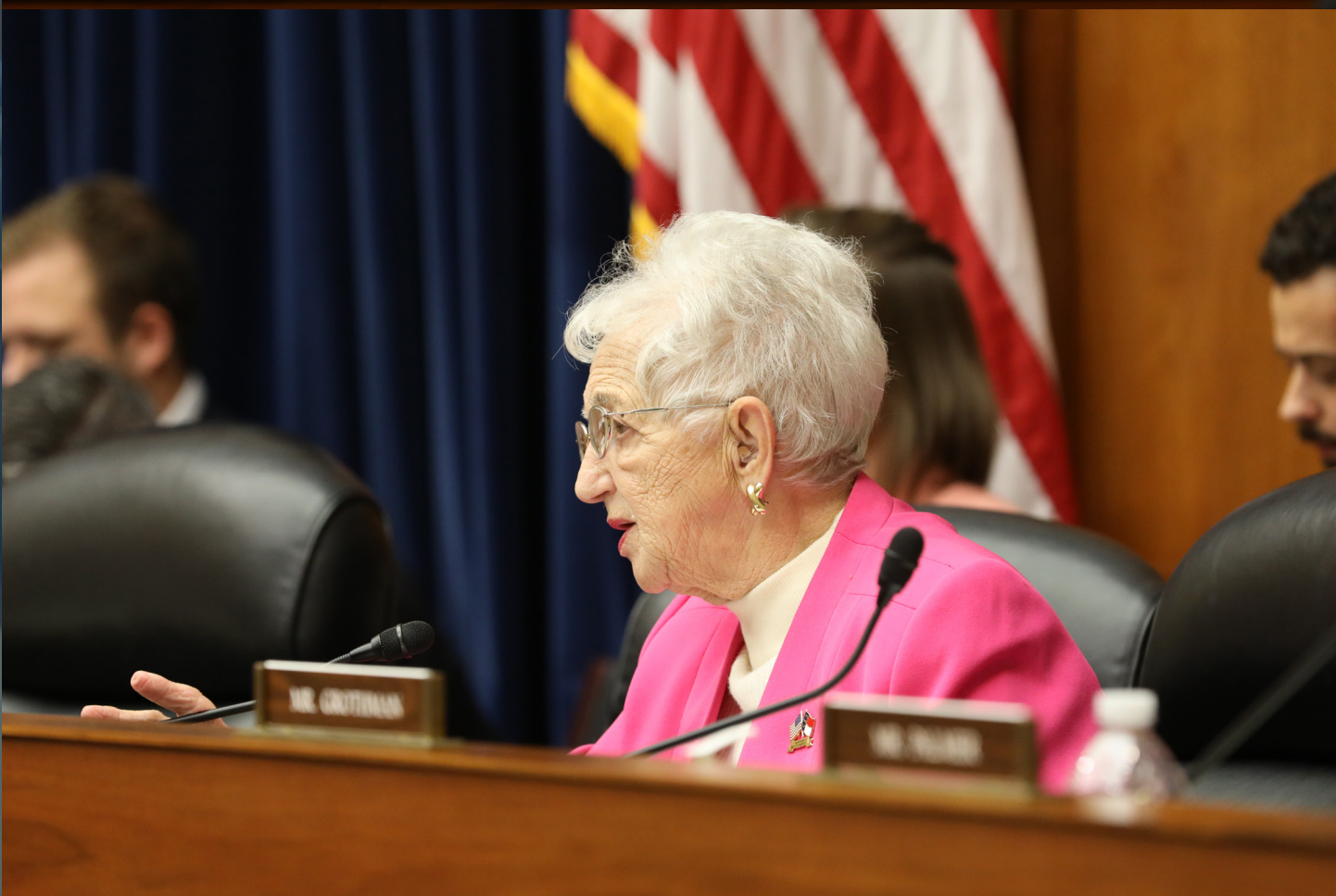
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Oversight of the Secret Service's Historic Failure

- **Demanded Immediate Hearing and Information from Secret Service:** Hours after the attempted assassination of President Trump, House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer immediately announced he would call on Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle to testify at a hearing. Chairman Comer and Oversight Committee Republican members also requested a series of documents, communications, and information from the Secret Service as part of the Committee's investigation. Following stonewalling by the Department of Homeland Security and Secret Service, Chairman Comer subpoenaed Director Cheatle to appear at a hearing on July 22, 2024.
- **Hearing with USSS Director Kimberly Cheatle:** The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing with Director Cheatle to conduct oversight of the Secret Service and the attempted assassination of President Trump. At the hearing, Republican and Democrat members pressed Director Kimberly Cheatle for answers on the egregious security lapses that led to the attempted assassination of President Trump, the murder of an innocent victim, and harm to others in the crowd at the campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. Director Cheatle could not or refused to answer basic questions from Committee members, including:
 - Did the Secret Service deny President Trump's campaign additional security? If so, when and how many times?
 - Why did Secret Service fail to secure a rooftop in proximity to the rally site and with a clear view of President Trump's podium?
 - Were agents positioned at the rally site affiliated with Secret Service or another Department?
 - Was there any intelligence gathered by Secret Service on the gunman?
 - How were Secret Service resources deployed at the rally site?
 - Was there advanced planning by Secret Service leading up to the campaign rally?

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Resignation of Director Kimberly Cheatle: Following Director Cheatle's disastrous appearance before the House Oversight Committee where she failed to answer basic questions about the security lapses that led to the attempted assassination of President Trump, Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Raskin called on her to resign. Director Cheatle resigned the next day.





Harnessing Cutting Edge Technology to Make America Safe and Prosperous

American companies are spearheading rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) with the potential to greatly enhance our well-being via breakthrough progress in fields ranging from medicine to manufacturing. But AI poses both promise and peril. We must safeguard citizens by ensuring that privacy and civil rights laws are enforced in a manner that accounts for unique aspects of the AI systems being deployed, such as the massive troves of data on which they rely. At the same time, overregulation of domestic AI developers would risk our national security by jeopardizing our existing edge in AI over China.

AI is being weaponized against us in cyberspace by criminals and our foreign adversaries. Malicious cyberattacks on our nation's critical infrastructure are increasing in frequency and scale. This includes assaults on the federal government's aging legacy IT systems, which are in urgent need of modernization. Under the leadership of Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation Chairwoman Nancy Mace, the Oversight Committee is examining and producing solutions for the 21st century.

Examining the Federal Government's Use of Artificial Intelligence

Hearings: The Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a series of AI-related hearings. These included an examination of the Biden-Harris Administration's voluminous, overreaching executive order on AI, the proliferation of AI-generated images, and the use of AI technologies to defend the nation and its borders.

- **White House Executive Order on AI:** The Subcommittee held hearings on how the Biden-Harris Administration's executive order on AI and related Office of Management and Budget guidance inappropriately invoked the emergency powers of the Defense Production Act and overreached in ways that could hinder the development of the technology and its use by the private sector and federal agencies.
- **Deepfakes:** The Subcommittee held hearings on how bad actors and hostile nations are using deepfakes to distort reality and create images that can harm individuals and jeopardize national security. These hearings also explored ways to authenticate images to help individuals discern what is real and what is fake. Subcommittee members also discussed potential legislative options to protect against the harm that deepfake images can cause.



“The United States has been at the forefront of advancing AI technology, and it is essential we work together to maximize its potential for improving the lives of Americans. Congress should work to ensure our country’s continued leadership in AI, while also fighting against potential abuse.”

– Rep. Eric Burlison

Preventing Cyberattacks and Conducting Oversight of Data Breaches

Hearings and Oversight: The Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held several hearings to examine emerging cyberthreats and proposals to address this national security threat.

- **National Cybersecurity Strategy:** The Subcommittee conducted oversight of the Biden-Harris Administration’s National Cybersecurity Strategy to assess its merits as a blueprint for protecting the United States from cyberthreat actors, including foreign adversaries.
- **China Cyberthreat:** The Subcommittee examined the evolving cyberthreat from China and found that obsolete and legacy IT systems are a main avenue Chinese hackers use to infiltrate and attack U.S. critical infrastructure. Witnesses discussed the Administration’s inability to develop a comprehensive plan to stop these infiltrations from China and other foreign adversaries.
- **Protecting Government IT:** The Subcommittee held hearings on protecting government IT systems critical to the federal software supply chain, and best practices in combating ransomware attacks that can hinder the operations of the nation’s critical infrastructure. The Subcommittee assessed how modernizing aging federal information technology systems is crucial to protecting sensitive data, such as the personally identifiable information of millions of Americans, from malicious hackers.
- **Oversight of Data Breaches:** The Subcommittee brought transparency to data breaches, including a major incursion that occurred at the D.C. Health Benefits Exchange Authority. It also discussed ways to prevent further breaches of personally identifiable health and financial data.



Accountability and Solutions

Legislation: The Oversight Committee has passed several bills to provide solutions to today's technology challenges.

- **The Federal AI Governance and Transparency Act (H.R. 7532):** This bipartisan bill, introduced by Chairman James Comer and Ranking Member Raskin, focuses government resources on increasing transparency, oversight, and responsible use of federal AI systems while protecting the public's privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. The bill centrally codifies federal governance of agency AI systems, establishes new mechanisms for transparency and accountability, and consolidates and streamlines other existing AI laws.
- **Modernizing the Acquisition of Cybersecurity Experts Act (H.R. 4502):** This bill, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairwoman Mace, limits the use of educational requirements in hiring for federal cybersecurity positions. It also lifts unnecessary degree barriers and ensures that the federal government can hire any qualified cybersecurity professional with the knowledge and skills.



- **Modernizing Government Technology Reform Act (H.R. 5527):** This bill, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairwoman Mace, improves transparency and accountability in federal IT system management by restoring the original congressional intent of the Technology Modernization Fund, originally authorized by Congress as a revolving fund to finance the overhaul or replacement of archaic legacy IT systems that function poorly and are vulnerable to cyberattack. The MGT Reform Act will ensure the future fiscal solvency of the TMF by requiring adequate reimbursement of project costs, and it will create an inventory of federal legacy IT to keep the fund focused on its essential mission.
- **The Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2023 (H.R. 4552):** The bipartisan legislation, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairwoman Mace, updates the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA), last updated in 2014, by clarifying federal cybersecurity roles and responsibilities. In addition, the bill streamlines agency reporting requirements and reduces the frequency of FISMA assessments while requiring continuous monitoring of systems.



MS. MACE

“Malicious cyberattacks on our nation’s critical infrastructure are increasing in frequency and scale. These attacks can create damaging disruptions and compromise highly sensitive data. Much of our critical infrastructure is owned and operated by private sector companies. That includes transportation networks, energy production and distribution facilities, and the defense industrial base. Cyberattacks targeting such operations threaten our homeland security and our national security. That’s why we need a strong partnership between the government and private operators of critical infrastructure.”

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN
NANCY MACE**

Addressing Failed Government Response to the Biden-Harris Administration's Infant Formula Crisis



The 2022 nationwide infant formula crisis was exacerbated by dysfunction and delay within the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the Biden-Harris Administration. The FDA's failure to heed whistleblower warnings, failure to conduct adequate inspections, and slow responsiveness had serious implications for families as they scrambled to find formula to feed their babies. Under the leadership of Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services Chairwoman Lisa McClain, systemic issues within the FDA have been exposed in order to prevent another shortage from happening again.

Investigating the Biden-Harris Administration's Infant Formula Crisis

- **Hearings:** The House Oversight Committee and Health Care and Financial Services Subcommittee have held three hearings to examine the Biden-Harris Administration's failed response to the infant formula crisis. At the hearings, members obtained testimony by multiple former FDA officials that the FDA's failure to heed whistleblower warnings, failure to conduct adequate inspections, and slow responsiveness exacerbated the 2022 nationwide infant formula crisis.

- At the first hearing, members asked Frank Yiannas, Former Deputy Commissioner of the FDA, about the FDA's failure to respond to the infant formula crisis. Members asked Mr. Yiannas about how the FDA failed to heed to whistleblowers, respond quickly, conduct an objective review, and take ownership of the crisis.

- At the second hearing, members obtained testimony from Dr. Susan Mayne, Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the FDA, acknowledging that whistleblower reports about the formula shortage were not escalated to senior leadership.

- At the third hearing, members questioned FDA Commissioner Robert Califf about a pattern of issues within the FDA to ensure the FDA is completing its role of regulatory oversight of the food and drug industries.

Transparency and Accountability

- **Exposed White House Knew of Infant Formula Shortage Months Before Acting:** President Biden told the American people that he was not made aware of the infant formula shortage until April 2022, two months after industry leaders knew about the crisis. However, email correspondence obtained by the Committee reveals White House staff were aware of a potential infant formula shortage just days after the recall of infant formula was announced in February 2022. President Biden didn't address the crisis publicly until May 2022, where he claimed "...we moved as quickly as the problem became apparent to us."

“American families must be confident that the FDA has ability to prevent a crisis like this from ever happening again. We owe it to parents, caregivers, and infants, to get to the bottom of what happened and prevent it from happening again.”

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN

LISA MCCLAIN





Ensuring Accountability for Failures Before, During, and After the COVID Pandemic

As outlined in the Rules Package for the 118th Congress, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic has been established to conduct a thorough after-action report of the COVID-19 pandemic. By investigating the economic impacts, vaccines and treatments, roles of our agencies, use of taxpayer funds, and the effectiveness of our public health responses, we can better pursue policies that will help prevent our country from being vulnerable in the future. Under the leadership of Select Subcommittee Chairman Brad Wenstrup, public officials have been held accountable for their failures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transparency and Accountability

- **“6 Feet Apart” Social Distancing Farce Revealed:** During testimony in front of COVID Select, Dr. Anthony Fauci admitted that the “6 feet apart” social distancing recommendation forced on Americans “sort of just appeared” and was not based on science.

- **Confirmed U.S. Taxpayer Dollars Funded Risky Research:** COVID Select confirmed, through the testimony of former Acting NIH Director Dr. Lawrence Tabak, that the NIH funded gain-of-function research in Wuhan, China, and exposed EcoHealth Alliance Inc.'s use of taxpayer dollars to facilitate dangerous gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology without proper oversight.
- **EcoHealth Alliance Debarred:** In a victory for U.S. taxpayers and American national security, COVID Select's efforts led to the proposed debarment and immediate funding suspension of EcoHealth Alliance Inc., and its president, Dr. Peter Daszak. EcoHealth Alliance facilitated dangerous gain-of-function research in Wuhan, China. Gain-of-function research most likely caused the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Fauci, Cuomo, Daszak, and Weingarten Held Publicly Accountable:** Four of the most influential bad actors during the COVID-19 pandemic were thoroughly investigated, rigorously questioned, and held to account by COVID Select.
- **High-Level Corruption Exposed:** COVID Select uncovered and exposed overwhelming evidence that Dr. Fauci's top advisor – Dr. David Morens – undermined the operations of the U.S. government, unlawfully deleted federal COVID-19 records, and used his personal email to avoid FOIA. Dr. Morens serves as an example of executive branch corruption at the highest level. Federal officials are accountable to the American people and should never undermine our elected government.
- **Lab Leak Confirmed as Most Likely Origin:** New evidence revealed during COVID Select's investigations, hearings, and transcribed interviews confirms that COVID-19 likely originated from a lab leak in Wuhan, China. COVID Select exposed evidence that Dr. Fauci prompted the drafting of the infamous "Proximal Origin" publication to intentionally disprove the lab leak theory – a decision that was not based on science. Dr. Fauci has now admitted that the lab leak hypothesis is not a conspiracy theory. Federal health leaders used scare tactics to inaccurately push the "natural" origin narrative on Americans. COVID Select has corrected the record.





“We are here to deliver an after-action review of the past three years. To learn from the past, not just what went wrong, but what was done right, and to prepare for the future. This is work that must be done. Must be done thoroughly. And must be done with reverence with an eye toward the truth and based on facts. A pandemic will likely occur again, and when that happens, may we have the ability to Predict, Prepare, Protect, and Prevent.”

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