

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

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June 27, 2025

**Transmitted Electronically**

Mr. Ian Sams  
Former Special Assistant to the President

Dear Mr. Sams:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the role of former senior White House officials in possibly usurping authority from former President Joe Biden and the ramifications of a White House staff intent on hiding his rapidly worsening mental and physical faculties. The Committee has been investigating this issue for nearly a year.<sup>1</sup> The Committee seeks to understand who made key decisions and exercised the powers of the executive branch during the previous administration, possibly without former President Biden’s consent. The Committee requests your testimony to evaluate your eye-witness account of former President Biden’s decline.

You served as Special Assistant to the President and as Senior Advisor in the White House Counsel’s Office for President Biden during the last two years of his administration. You were a first line of defense to spin negative stories about the President and his mishaps.<sup>2</sup> The scope of your responsibilities—both official and otherwise—and personal interactions within the Oval Office cannot go without investigation, given the mounting evidence that President Biden was incapacitated for much, if not all, of his single term. If White House staff carried out a strategy lasting months or even years to hide the chief executive’s condition—or to perform his duties—Congress may need to consider a legislative response.

The Committee believes you have information critical to this investigation and requests your appearance for a transcribed interview on August 11, 2025. By July 4, 2025, please 1) confirm you will attend the transcribed interview scheduled on August 11, 2025, voluntarily, 2) provide an alternative date for the interview to occur within one week of August 11, 2025, or 3) notify the Committee that you will require a subpoena to compel your attendance for a deposition on August 11, 2025. July 4, 2025, is not a deadline to inform the Committee you require additional time to weigh your response. To ask any related follow-up questions, please

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability, to Edward Siskel, Assistant to the President and White House Counsel, The White House (July 10, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Eli Stokols and Lauren Egan, *Ian Sams, welcome to the thunderdome*, POLITICO (Jan. 23, 2023).

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contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

James Comer  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform