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June 27, 2025

Transmitted Electronically

Mr. Jeffrey Zients
Former White House Chief of Staff

Dear Mr. Zients:

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.¹ 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 Chief of Staff for former President Biden. You managed a White House in disarray after public reporting began to focus on the apparent decline of President Biden's mental capabilities. You reportedly called an all-staff call in July 2024 "in which [you] urged President Biden's team to unite and move forward from Biden's terrible debate performance[.]"² The scope of your responsibilities—both official and otherwise—and personal interactions within the Oval Office cannot go without investigation. 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 September 3, 2025. By July 4, 2025, please 1) confirm you will attend the transcribed interview scheduled on September 3, 2025, voluntarily, 2) provide an alternative date for the interview to occur within one week of September 3, 2025, or 3) notify the Committee that you will require a subpoena to compel your attendance for a deposition on September 3, 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

¹ 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).

² Alex Thompson, *Biden team's calls stress unity, resolve: "No one is pushing me out,"* Axios (July 3, 2024).

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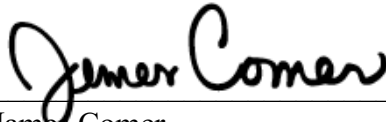
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contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

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 large, looping "J" and "C".

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
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