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Dear Dr. Anderson:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Committee) has conducted an investigation into whether President Joe Biden's cognitive decline was hidden from the American people by his inner circle of advisors and whether critical decisions attributed to President Biden were in fact authorized by the president himself. The Committee has found that President Biden's aides coordinated a cover-up of the president's diminishing faculties. The Committee urges the Board of Medicine for the District of Columbia to investigate and assess whether Dr. Kevin O'Connor, during his time as physician to President Biden, was derelict in his duty as a physician by, including but not limited to, issuing misleading medical reports, misrepresenting treatments, failing to conform to standards of practice, or other acts in violation of District of Columbia law regulating licensed physicians. Based on the nature and extent of Dr. O'Connor's actions, the Committee recommends that the Board of Medicine impose discipline, sanction, or revocation of his medical license.

The Committee has released a report, "The Biden Autopen Presidency: Decline, Delusion, and Deception in the White House," documenting its findings (attached hereto).¹ This report details instances regarding President Biden's physical and mental decline, the ramifications of that decline on executive decision-making, and steps taken by the Biden White House to conceal a president losing his capacity to govern. During the Committee's investigation, the White House physician, Dr. Kevin O'Connor, refused to provide details about the health, treatment, or care of President Biden to the Committee.² Instead, Dr. O'Connor relied on the physician-patient privilege (which is not applicable in a deposition before Congress³) and invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.⁴ Because Dr. O'Connor refused to testify, questions about President Biden's health—including his capacity to exercise the duties of the Office of the Presidency—remain unanswered. If Dr. O'Connor failed to meet his minimum

¹ The Biden Autopen Presidency: Decline, Delusion, and Deception in the White House, Staff Report, H. Comm. on Oversight & Gov't Reform, (October 28, 2025).

² See generally Deposition of Kevin O'Connor, Physician to Former President Biden (July 9, 2025).

³ See *Richbow v. D.C.*, 600 A.2d 1063, 1068 (D.C. 1991); see also *Whalen v. Roe*, 429 U.S. 589, 602 n. 28 (1977) ("The physician-patient evidentiary privilege is unknown to the common law."); see also *United States v. Bercier*, 848 F.2d 917, 920 (8th Cir. 1988); *Patterson v. Caterpillar, Inc.*, 70 F.3d 503, 506-507 (7th Cir. 1995).

⁴ Deposition of Kevin O'Connor, Physician to Former President Biden, at 12:17-13:9 (July 9, 2025).

standard of care to the president, intentionally misled the American public, or authored false health reports on President Biden, then the Committee believes Dr. O'Connor should be barred from the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia.

The primary—and often only—way for the American public to be apprised of the physical and cognitive health of the President of the United States is through the White House press secretary, who receives health summary memoranda from the White House physician.⁵ The White House physician's assessment in the president's health memoranda should contain the complete medical diagnosis of the president, including all prescription drugs and medical issues, including cognitive impairment. Only the White House physician can honestly and accurately convey the president's health prognosis. Yet, in the 2024 memorandum to Karine Jean-Pierre, Dr. O'Connor "identified no new concerns"⁶ and consulted with additional medical professionals from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center,⁷ and colleagues from The George Washington University School of Medicine⁸ to determine that "President Biden is a healthy, active, robust 81-year-old male."⁹ However, Dr. O'Connor made no mention of a cognitive exam or additional prescription drugs that President Biden may have been taking despite President Biden's obvious cognitive decline.

President Biden fell or stumbled multiple times during his presidency, including a stumble up the stairs of Air Force One and a fall on the stage of the Air Force Academy's graduation ceremony in 2023.¹⁰ Starting in early 2024, neurologist Dr. Kevin Cannard, a Parkinson's specialist, visited the White House eight times in eight months.¹¹ Ms. Jean-Pierre refused to explain Dr. Cannard's visits due to "security concerns."¹² The lack of transparency from Dr. O'Connor about a neurologist specialist visiting President Biden is a significant concern. No update about those neurologist visits were provided to the American people, yet Dr. O'Connor continued to publicly assess President Biden as cognitively stable, while quietly telling aides that cognitive tests are "meaningless."¹³

The Board of Medicine is empowered by statute to review complaints of potential violations of the District of Columbia law regulating physicians.¹⁴ The Board may take disciplinary action against "a person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the district who," among other violations, does the following:

⁵ See e.g., Memorandum from Kevin O'Connor, Physician to the President, to Karine Jean-Pierre, White House Press Secretary to President Biden (July 8, 2024).

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⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ See e.g., Ryan King, *Biden trips, barely avoids nasty fall while honoring fallen police officers*, NY Post (May 15, 2024).

¹¹ Josh Christenson & Steven Nelson, *White House refuses to explain Parkinson's expert's visits, press secretary accuses reporters of 'personal attacks' during tense briefing*, NY POST (July 8, 2024).

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Transcribed Interview of Bruce Reed, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy to President Biden, at 96:21 (Aug. 5, 2025).

¹⁴ D.C. Code § 3-1202.03; 1204.08.

- Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of a health occupation;
- Willfully makes a misrepresentation in treatment;
- Fails to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession;
- Demonstrates a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a patient, regardless of whether the patient sustains actual injury as result;
- Fails to keep adequate medical, dental, health, or client records; and
- Engages in conduct in their practice that is unprofessional or creates a deleterious impact on the public's impression of the profession.¹⁵

Other physicians called for President Biden to undergo a cognitive assessment. Dr. Jeffrey Kuhlman, White House physician to President Obama, called for cognitive exams of presidents and said, “Biden would have benefitted from such a test given his age.”¹⁶ Both Kuhlman and Lawrence Mohr, physician to President Reagan and President George H.W. Bush, both publicly noted that “they were never asked by any president to withhold medical information in their reports.”¹⁷ Former White House physician and current Congressman Ronny Jackson sent at least five letters to the White House calling for President Biden to take a cognitive exam.¹⁸ Dr. Tom Pitts, an expert in neurology, also publicly called for President Biden to receive a cognitive exam.¹⁹ Medical professionals from around the nation saw what Dr. O’Connor failed to see or intentionally tried to cover-up.

White House physicians “could confront unordinary circumstances that include presidential disability, implementation of the 25th Amendment, and a president’s right to privacy versus the public’s right to know about their duly elected leader’s state of health.”²⁰ In fact, medical issues with the president could contribute to “political, economic, diplomatic, and military consequences for the nation.”²¹ Therefore, Dr. O’Connor’s lack of transparency demonstrated while serving as the active White House physician and not testifying before this Committee to answer relevant, pointed questions about President Biden’s ability to carry out the duties of the presidency is untenable for a licensed medical professional tasked to diagnose, heal, and protect the official in the highest elected office.

The Committee believes that Dr. O’Connor likely misled the American public and otherwise violated provisions of the District of Columbia code. If Dr. O’Connor was aware of any cognitive issues suffered by President Biden, then it is likely he knowingly concealed those issues. Whether that was due to President Biden being a long-time patient, a friend, a business

¹⁵ D.C. Code § 3-1205.14. (Emphasis added).

¹⁶ Paige Winfield Cunningham, *Biden’s doctor failed to properly assess fitness for office, Obama’s doctor says*, THE WASH. POST (June 7, 2025).

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ Press Release, *Rep. Jackson Leads 5th Letter to the White House Demanding Biden Takes Cognitive Exam*, Rep. Ronny Jackson (Feb. 16, 2024).

¹⁹ Dr. Tom Pitts, *Neurologist Comments on Biden’s Health (Interview with Tom Llamas)*, YOUTUBE (July 8, 2024), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97ZIH2QcDI> (last visited Oct. 22, 2025).

²⁰ Lawrence C. Mohr, *The White House Physician: Role, Responsibilities, and Issues*, Political Psychology, Vol. 16, No. 4, JSTOR, at Abstract (Dec. 1995).

²¹ *Id.*

partner, or simply to help President Biden get reelected, the American public will likely never know, unless the Board of Medicine does a proper, extensive investigation and review. Dr. O'Connor's lack of testimony and honesty has a "deleterious impact on the public's impression of the profession of medicine"²² and the Board of Medicine *must* bring accountability to physicians within the District of Columbia. The Board of Medicine should investigate, and if evidence permits, provide sanctions to the license of Dr. Kevin O'Connor.

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.²³ If you have any questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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

²² D.C. Code §3-1205.14(a)(53).

²³ Rule X, cl. 4(c)(2), Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th Cong. (Jan. 16, 2025).