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Dear Mr. Schwerin:

Committee Republicans are continuing to investigate President Joe Biden and his family's domestic and international business dealings. On April 27, 2022, we wrote to you requesting information about your relationship with the Biden family.¹ You failed to respond. Committee Republicans remain committed to understanding your connections to Biden companies and the Obama-Biden White House. As we look to the 118th Congress, the investigation of the Biden family's questionable business dealings will be a priority for the Committee on Oversight and Reform. Therefore, we reiterate our request for documents and information about your connection to the Biden family.

Your personal involvement in then-Vice President Biden and his son Hunter Biden's finances—including your role as president of Hunter Biden's Rosemont Seneca Partners company²—and your numerous visits to the White House,³ reveal your extensive involvement with Joe Biden and his family's affairs. As highlighted in our April 27, 2022, letter, you also were nominated by President Obama to serve as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.⁴ Your handling of sensitive documents such as Vice President Joe Biden's tax returns, your position in the Obama-Biden Administration, and your involvement in Hunter Biden's international business dealings raise concerns related to national security.⁵

¹ Letter from H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform Republicans to Mr. Eric Schwerin (Apr. 27, 2022).

² *President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts*, Off. of the Press Sec., The White House (Mar. 10, 2015), available at <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2015/03/10/president-obama-announces-more-key-administration-posts>.

³ Jon Levine, *Who is Eric Schwerin? What to Know About Hunter Biden's Business Partner*, N. Y. POST (Apr. 30, 2022).

⁴ *Supra*, n.4.

⁵ *Supra*, n.3; *Supra*, n.6; Alec Schemmel, *Joe Biden Allegedly Wrote College Rec Letter for Son of Hunter's Chinese Business Partner*, NBC 15 NEWS (Apr. 6, 2022).

For decades the Biden family has profited off Joe Biden's positions of public trust, including by building business ties with America's adversaries.⁶ Joe Biden stated in 2019, "I have never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings,"⁷ This is false. Not only did Joe Biden talk to his son about his overseas business dealings, but he also met with his son's associates.⁸ This raises questions as to whether President Biden is making decisions and/or setting policy to preserve or advance his family's business interests. To the extent President Biden was indebted to Hunter—a man whose livelihood increasingly depended on courting foreign nations—the President may also be indebted to foreign adversaries. It is imperative that Committee Republicans investigate the national security implications of Hunter Biden commingling his income with that of his father.

We believe you possess information relevant to this investigation. As such, please provide the following documents to Committee Republicans as soon as possible, but no later than December 1, 2022:

1. All documents and communications sent from and received by your Rosemont Seneca Partners email account related to Hunter Biden, President Biden's finances, or then-Vice President Biden's finances, including financial transactions, tax filings, deposits, or debts;
2. All documents and communications between you, Hunter Biden, President Biden, and then-Vice President Biden from January 20, 2009, to present; and
3. A list of your current and former positions held in companies founded, owned, or affiliated with any member of the Biden family, including but not limited to Hunter Biden.

Committee Republicans are aware that after you received our April 27, 2022, letter, your connections to RSP Investments, LLC was scrubbed from its online website even though it remains on the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority database. To prevent the destruction or alteration of documents, we request that you preserve all responsive documents, communications, and other data ("records") in your possession that may be required for our oversight and investigative duties.⁹ Accordingly, we request that you:

1. Preserve all e-mail, electronic documents, and data ("electronic records") from January 20, 2009, to present, related to the Biden family;

⁶ Ben Schreckinger, *Biden Inc.*, POLITICO MAGAZINE (Aug. 2, 2019).

⁷ Aamer Madhani, *Biden: I Never Talked to Son Hunter About Overseas Business Dealings*, USA TODAY (Sept. 21, 2019).

⁸ Documents on file with the Comm., Hunter Biden's Personal Calendar; President Barack Obama White House Visitor Records (Mar. 2012); Ebony Bowden, *Photo shows Joe Biden meeting Hunter's alleged business partner from Kazakhstan*, N. Y. POST (Oct. 20, 2020); *see also*, Andrew Duehren & James T. Areddy, *Hunter Biden's Ex-Business Partner Alleges Father Knew About Venture*, WALL ST. J. (Oct. 23, 2020).

⁹ For the purposes of this request, "preserve" means taking reasonable steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding, incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, or mutation of electronic records, as well as negligent or intentional handling that would make such records incomplete or inaccessible.

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2. Exercise reasonable efforts to identify and notify former employees and contractors, subcontractors and consultants who may have access to such electronic records that they are to be preserved; and
3. Preserve all compilations of documents that have already been gathered in response to other government or litigation requests, even if copies of individual documents or materials may still exist elsewhere in the organization.

To schedule the delivery of responsive documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican staff at (202) 225-5074. The Committee on Oversight and 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 matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform