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MEMORANDUM

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To: Democratic Members of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on the Judiciary

Fr: Democratic Staff

Re: Latest Series of Transcribed Interviews in Republicans' Sham Impeachment Inquiry Fails to Uncover Any Evidence of Wrongdoing by President Biden

I. BACKGROUND

In the past two months, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on the Judiciary have conducted seven joint transcribed interviews of private citizens as a continuation of Republicans' sham "impeachment inquiry." Each of the witnesses appeared voluntarily and spent hours responding to the Committees' questions. The witnesses all confirmed they understood that lying to Congress in a transcribed interview is a crime. **Each witness stated they were not aware of any evidence of any wrongdoing by President Biden or of President Biden being involved in, profiting from, or taking official actions in relation to family members' business ventures.** Further, not one of these witnesses indicated they ever had any expectation of receiving or ever did receive any political favors from President Biden or his Administration.

In conducting these seven transcribed interviews, in Boca Raton, Florida; Booneville, Mississippi; and Washington, D.C., Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer and Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan have continued expending significant Committee time and resources investigating the Biden family. Far from yielding any evidence of misconduct by President Biden, these efforts have served only to add to the mountain of evidence rebutting the Chairmen's false claims about the President and proving that their so-called "impeachment inquiry" rests on nothing but distorted and cherry-picked facts and long debunked conspiracy theories.

In conducting these highly publicized interviews and repeatedly mischaracterizing witness testimony, the Chairmen have not only wasted congressional resources and taxpayer funds, but they have put the safety of private citizens at risk. Many of the witnesses in this latest round of transcribed interviews stated that they have been exposed to harassment and death threats as a result of the Chairmen's letters and public statements. Many of these private citizens have seen personal information exposed to the public and they continue to fear for their safety

and the safety of their families. Republicans have sacrificed the privacy and safety of these individuals in the name of digging up dirt on the Biden family—an effort which has spectacularly and unequivocally failed.

The below memo details the extent to which the latest round of transcribed interviews continues to undermine key aspects of House Republicans’ sham impeachment inquiry.

II. LATEST SERIES OF TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS

A. Carol Fox

On November 9, 2023, Chairmen Comer and Jordan sent a letter to Carol Fox requesting her appearance at a transcribed interview regarding congressional Republicans’ investigation into “whether sufficient grounds exist to draft articles of impeachment against President Biden for consideration by the full House.”¹ In 2020, Ms. Fox was appointed to serve as Chapter 11 bankruptcy trustee to oversee the bankruptcy of Americore Holdings, LLC, and its affiliated entities, for which James Biden briefly worked as a consultant in 2018 and 2019 while President Biden was a private citizen.² Ms. Fox appeared before the Committees for a transcribed interview on December 18, 2023.

As with prior interviewees and witnesses examined by Republicans in this investigation, Ms. Fox stated she was not aware of any evidence that Joe Biden was involved with his brother’s business ventures, including Americore:³

Q: Okay. I’ll take it then that you as trustee were never investigating President Joseph Biden. Is that right?

A: Correct.

Q: And to be clear, you have no evidence that President Biden had any involvement at all in Americore?

¹ Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Jim Jordan, Committee on the Judiciary, to Carol Fox (Nov. 9, 2023) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-11-9-Letter-Carol-Fox.pdf>).

² See *In Re: Americore Holdings, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 19-61608-GRS, U.S. Bankruptcy Ct., E.D. KY.

³ See, e.g., Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Minority Staff Memorandum, *IRS and FBI Witnesses Debunk Republicans’ False Claims About Political Interference in Special Counsel Weiss’s Investigation* (Sept. 27, 2023) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2023-09-27%20Joint%20Democratic%20Memorandum%20re%20IRS%20and%20FBI%20Witnesses%20Debunk%20Political%20Interference%20Claims.pdf>); Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Minority Staff Memorandum, *Transcribed Interview of Former FBI Supervisory Special Agent* (Aug. 16, 2023) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2023-08-16.Democratic%20Member%20Memorandum%20re%20FBI%20SSA%20Transcript_0.pdf); Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Minority Staff Memorandum, *Transcribed Interview of Devon Archer* (Aug. 3, 2023) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2023-08-03.Democratic%20Member%20Memorandum%20re%20Archer%20Transcribed%20Interview%20Final.pdf>).

A: No, I don't.

Q: Or had any involvement in the Americore bankruptcy, right?

A: No, I don't.

Q: Have any such evidence?

A: Correct.

Q: Okay. And speaking even more generally, is it fair to say that you have no firsthand knowledge at all concerning President Biden?

A: That would be correct.⁴

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Q: Okay. Along the same lines, do you have any knowledge that James Biden ever discussed Americore with his brother Joe?

A: No.

Q: Or, for that matter, any of his other business affairs with his brother Joe?

A: No.

Q: And, again, to your knowledge, did Joe Biden ever take any official action at the request of his brother James?

A: With respect to the Americore debtors or

Q: At all.

A: At all? I don't know.

Q: So you don't have any such knowledge?

A: No.⁵

⁴ Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Transcribed Interview of Carol Fox at 44–45 (Dec. 18, 2023) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Carol-Fox-Transcript.pdf>).

⁵ *Id.* at 52–53.

B. Georges Bergès

On November 9, 2023, Chairmen Comer and Jordan each issued subpoenas to Mr. Georges Bergès, an art gallery owner who represented Hunter Biden in the sale and exhibition of his artwork, to appear for a deposition regarding Republicans' investigation into "whether sufficient grounds exist to draft articles of impeachment against President Biden for consideration by the full House."⁶ Mr. Bergès appeared before the Committees for a voluntary transcribed interview on January 9, 2024.⁷

As with prior interviews, Mr. Bergès provided no information during his interview that suggests Joe Biden engaged in wrongdoing. **On the contrary, Mr. Bergès confirmed that Joe Biden was not involved in, did not profit from, and took no official actions in relation to Hunter Biden's art sales.**⁸

Q: I just have a couple more questions about pricing. Have you ever spoken to Joe Biden about pricing Hunter's artwork?

A: Never.

Q: Have you ever spoken to anyone in the White House about pricing Hunter's artwork?

A: Never.

Q: Does President Biden have any role whatsoever in setting the price of Hunter's artwork?

A: No.

Q: Did President Biden, the White House, or anyone in the administration contact you about helping you promote or sell Hunter Biden's artwork?

A: No.

Q: Have you contacted anyone in the White House or the administration, including President Biden, about promoting or selling Hunter's artwork?

A: No.

⁶ Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Jim Jordan, Committee on the Judiciary, to William Pittard (Nov. 9, 2023) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Letter-to-Bergès-11.9.23.pdf>).

⁷ Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of Georges Bergès (Jan. 9, 2024).

⁸ *Id.* at 26, 73.

Q: Do you have any reason to believe that President Biden received any benefit from the purchases of Hunter Biden's artwork that you list on your exhibit?

A: No.⁹

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Q: Have you disclosed any of the identities of the buyers of Hunter's artwork to anyone working at the White House?

A: I have not.

Q: Have you provided any records regarding the sales of Hunter's artwork to anyone in the White House?

A: I have not.¹⁰

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Q: Mr. Bergès, have you ever received a political favor from the President?

A: Absolutely not.

Q: And, during your interactions with potential buyers and ultimate buyers of Hunter Biden's art, did you receive any indication that the buyers expected to receive some sort of political favor or benefit by purchasing artwork from the President's son?

A: Absolutely not.

Q: And have you ever communicated to a potential buyer that there might be some political benefit for them, some favor from the White House—

A: Absolutely not.

Q: —if they purchased Hunter's art?

A: No, absolutely not.¹¹

⁹ *Id.* at 73.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 76–77.

¹¹ *Id.* at 136.

C. **Kevin Morris**

On November 15, 2023, Chairmen Comer and Jordan and Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith sent a letter to Kevin Morris requesting he appear before the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Judiciary, and Ways and Means for a transcribed interview. On January 18, 2024, Mr. Morris appeared before the three Committees for a transcribed interview. Mr. Morris is an entertainment lawyer in Los Angeles who represents many celebrity clients. He is close friends with Hunter Biden and, in his capacity as Hunter Biden's attorney, works with Hunter Biden's various legal teams to oversee and coordinate the full portfolio of Hunter Biden's legal concerns. He is also an art collector who has supported a number of emerging artists, and he has purchased multiple of Hunter Biden's paintings. Mr. Morris has loaned Hunter Biden upwards of \$5 million to cover debts Hunter Biden owed to the Internal Revenue Service, Hunter Biden's living expenses, and to support Hunter Biden's sobriety.

Neither President Biden nor his Administration had any role in the decision by Kevin Morris to loan money to his client and friend, Hunter Biden, nor his decision to purchase Hunter Biden's paintings.

Q: Did President Biden ever ask you to loan his son money?

A: No.

Q: Did anyone in the White House or Biden administration ever ask you to loan Hunter money?

A: No. No one has ever asked me to loan Hunter money.

Q: Did anyone ever suggest to you that you might receive any favor or benefit from President Biden or his administration if you loaned Hunter money?

A: No.

Q: Did you ever expect you might receive any favor or benefit from President Biden or his administration if you loaned Hunter money?

A: No.

Q: Have you received any favor or benefit from President Biden or his administration for lending Hunter money?

A: No.¹²

¹² Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Committee on the Judiciary, and Committee on Ways and Means, Transcribed Interview of Kevin Morris at 79 (Jan. 18, 2024) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Morris_Redacted.pdf).

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Q: Did President Biden ever ask you to purchase his son's art?

A: No.

Q: Did anyone in the White House or Biden administration ever ask you to purchase Hunter's art?

A: No, no.

Q: Did anyone ever suggest to you that you might receive any favor or benefit from President Biden or his administration if you bought Hunter's art?

A: No.

Q: Did you ever expect you might receive any favor or benefit from President Biden or his administration if you bought Hunter's art?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever received any favor or benefit from President Biden or his administration for buying Hunter's art?

A: No.¹³

Kevin Morris affirmed that he has not discussed Hunter Biden's business ventures with President Biden, did not loan money to Hunter Biden in order to benefit President Biden, and knows of no requests to President Biden to take any official action to benefit Kevin Morris or his relationship with Hunter Biden.

Q: And in the times that you've spoken with President Biden, have you ever discussed Hunter Biden's business ventures with the President?

A: No.¹⁴

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Q: Did you ever discuss your business with President Biden?

A: No.

Q: Did you ever discuss your loans to Hunter Biden with President Biden?

¹³ *Id.* at 132–133.

¹⁴ *Id.* at 74.

A: No.

Q: Did you ever discuss your purchase of Hunter Biden's art with President Biden?

A: No.¹⁵

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Q: You said that you've met President Biden a few times.

A: Uh-huh.

Q: Is that correct?

A: Uh-huh.

Q: Including at Naomi's wedding and at the White House picnic?

A: Yes.

Q: And is it fair to say there were many other people there at those events?

A: Oh, yeah. Yeah, each time.

Q: You exchanged pleasantries with President Biden, would you say?

A: Yes, yes.

Q: And did you witness other people also engaging in brief exchanges with the President?

A: Everyone.

Q: And in the times that you've spoken with President Biden, have you ever discussed Hunter Biden's business ventures with the President?

A: No.¹⁶

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Q: I think you spoke earlier about how the Biden family is a close-knit family. And I just want to get some clarity on what that does and doesn't mean. In helping

¹⁵ *Id.* at 74–75.

¹⁶ *Id.* at 74.

Hunter Biden, did you expect to receive anything from any member of the Biden family?

A: No, no.

Q: Did you receive anything from any member of the Biden family from—in connection with helping Hunter Biden?

A: No.

Q: In helping Hunter Biden, was your intent to help President Biden?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever asked President Biden to take any official action to benefit your and Hunter's relationship?

A: No.

Q: To the best of your knowledge, has Hunter Biden ever asked President Biden to take any official action to benefit your and Hunter's relationship?

A: To the best of my knowledge.

Q: When you became –

Witness Counsel: Wait, wait. You didn't say yes or no.

A: I don't – you know, I don't know about conversations, but the answer is no.

Q: To the best of your knowledge, the answer is no. When you became friends with Hunter Biden, were you hoping to use that friendship to get access to his father?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever discussed, – I believe we talked about this a little bit, but excuse me if it's repetitive, but have you discussed with President Biden any official actions he has taken or considered taking on behalf of the United States?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever asked President Biden to take any official action on your behalf?

A: No.

Q: Have you asked any Biden family member to ask the President to take an official action on your behalf.

A: No.

Q: Has Hunter Biden ever indicated that he would ask his father to take any official agency [*sic*] [action] on your behalf?

A: No.

Q: Would you have any reason to ask President Biden to take any official action on your behalf?

A: Like lower taxes and stuff like that? No. Ways and Means is here, right?

Q: Finally, to the best of your recollection, you have never asked anyone in the Biden family for a thank you?

A: No. I haven't.¹⁷

Mr. Morris clarified that his loans to Hunter Biden are documented in arms-length loan agreements negotiated by lawyers, requiring repayment of principal and interest.

Q: So the loans are all documented?

A: Well-documented.

Q: What are the terms of the loans to Hunter?

A: You know, I've – the terms of a promissory note have glossed over, but what I do know – you know, every lawyer knows – it has an interest rate, it has a term, and, you know, some default provisions.

Q: So when you say interest rate, do you have a sense of how much that is?

A: It's whatever the legal requirement is. 5 percent jumps to my head.

Q: And you said there's a default provision. Does that mean that if Hunter doesn't make payments on time that there's some sort of penalty for him?

A: Yeah. There's a standard, you know, if you don't pay – you know, loan agreement, there's – you don't pay, there's, you know, the – you know, the rights you have in the event of a default. It's pretty standard stuff.

Q: So all of the terms of this loan are standard?

¹⁷ *Id.* at 133–134.

A: Correct, very standard.¹⁸

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Q: Do you have an expectation that he's going to repay this money?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you have any sort of timeframe?

A: There's a balloon on the note. I think it's 2025.

Q: Okay.¹⁹

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Q: Okay. If you wanted – I mean, you're a wealthy guy, we've established that, and congratulations for that. And it's within your right to give your money away. What's barring you from just giving your money to your friend and somebody that you consider a blood brother?

A: Hunter wouldn't accept it as a gift, and I want the money back.

Q: So you do have a genuine expectation that the money is coming back to you?

A: 100 percent.

Q: And you think it's coming back in 2025 or –

A: We'll deal with that in 2025. I'm the note holder. I'll decide how to enforce my rights if it doesn't.

Q: Okay. And genuinely, you believe if he doesn't pay you back and he's in breach in 2025 that you may sue him for it or –

A: That's my remedy under the contract, the promissory note is.²⁰

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Q: And there are financial consequences for Hunter if he fails to make payments on time?

¹⁸ *Id.* at 75–76.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 36.

²⁰ *Id.* at 105.

A: Yes.²¹

D. Mervyn Yan

On November 9, 2023, Mervyn Yan was issued subpoenas by Chairmen Comer and Jordan to appear for a deposition. On January 25, 2024, Mr. Yan sat for a voluntary transcribed interview before the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on the Judiciary. Yan, an independent consultant in real estate development and investment, worked briefly with both Hunter and James Biden on a joint venture, Hudson West III, geared toward identifying infrastructure and other investment opportunities in the United States. Some of the seed money for this joint venture came from the U.S. subsidiary of a Chinese energy company called CEFC. Mr. Yan explained that Hunter and James Biden's role in the joint venture was in identifying, or "sourcing," investment opportunities in the U.S. **Mr. Yan indicated that he has no knowledge or reason to believe Joe Biden had any involvement or in any way benefitted from this business venture and did not suggest any wrongdoing by the then-former Vice President.**

A letter to the Chairmen by Mr. Yan's attorney, which Mr. Yan described in the interview as "true and accurate," explained that "Mr. Yan has had no professional contact or communication with President Biden at any time and possesses no information about any alleged connection between President Biden and Hunter and James Biden's business endeavors. He has no documents in his possession or information which demonstrate misconduct by President Biden. Mr. Yan's relationship with the Biden family is limited to Hunter and James Biden and relates to a business venture spanning 2017 and 2018. The letter added that Mr. Yan "never heard mention of President Biden with respect to any of the transactions pursued by Hudson West III and is unaware of any involvement President Biden may have had with his son's business pursuits."²²

As Mr. Yan further explained in his interview, his interactions with the Biden family were limited to his work with Hunter and James on Hudson West III, and the entirety of Yan's business relationship with Hunter and James took place from mid-2017 to late 2018, during the Trump Administration.

Q: Did you engage in any subsequent businesses projects with Hunter or James Biden after Hudson West III was dissolved?

A: No.

Q: And your – is it fair to say your working relationship with both Hunter and James was over by the winter of 2018?

A: That's – it's fair to say that.

²¹ *Id.* at 79.

²² Letter from Soumya Dayananda to Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Jim Jordan, Committee on the Judiciary (Jan. 24, 2024).

Q: Your entire relationship with Hunter and James Biden took place during the Trump administration, correct?

A: That is correct.

Q: And Joe Biden was a private citizen during the entirety of your business relationship with James and Hunter Biden, correct?

A: Correct.²³

Yan clarified that he expected Hunter and James to add value to the joint venture through their role in sourcing investment deals. He confirmed their salaries were commensurate with the value of the anticipated deals.

Q: And am I correct that the point of the Hudson West III venture was to identify investment opportunities in the United States?

A: That's correct.

Q: And Hunter Biden and James Biden were going to work with you on sourcing deals and identifying projects?

A: Yes.

Q: And you saw this as a valuable contribution to the joint venture?

A: Yes.

Q: And Hunter Biden and James Biden compen – sorry. I'll start again. Hunter Biden and James Biden's compensation was laid out in the initial operating agreement that is exhibit 10, correct?

A: That's correct.

Q: And would you say that this was a fair compensation rate, given the expected value of the deals you hoped to enter into?

A: It is fair.²⁴

Yan stated unequivocally that Joe Biden was never involved in his joint venture with Hunter Biden, and he has no reason to believe Joe Biden ever received any financial benefit from

²³ Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of Mervyn Yan at 54 (Jan. 25, 2024) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/Mervyn-Yan-Transcript.pdf>).

²⁴ *Id.* at 94.

this joint venture. In fact, Yan does not recall Hunter or James Biden ever mentioning Joe Biden.

Q: Was Joe Biden ever involved in Hudson West III?

A: No.

Q: Did either Hunter or James Biden ever suggest Joe Biden was or would become involved in Hudson West III?

A: No.

Q: Did you ever ask Hunter or James Biden to involve Joe Biden in Hudson West III?

A: No.

Q: To your knowledge, did anyone associated with Hudson West III ever ask Hunter or James to involve Joe Biden in Hudson West III?

A: No.

Q: Are you aware of any funds from Hudson West III going to Joe Biden?

A: No.

Q: Did Hunter or James ever suggest to you that Joe Biden was benefiting financially from any of their business ventures?

A: No.

Q: Do you have any – do you have any reason to believe Joe Biden benefited financially from any of your business ventures with Hunter and James Biden?

A: No.

Q: And the only business venture you had with Hunter was Hudson West III?

A: That is correct.

Q: Just to be clear, have you ever been in contact with Joe Biden in any form?

A: No.

Q: Did Hunter or James Biden ever mention or discuss Joe Biden in relation to any Hudson West III business?

A: No.²⁵

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Q: During the life of your relationship with Mr. Hunter Biden, did he ever mention his father?

A: Not to my knowledge. Not to – I don’t – I don’t – I don’t – I don’t think he mentioned it.²⁶

E. Rob Walker

On November 8, 2023, Chairmen Comer and Jordan each issued subpoenas to John “Rob” Robinson Walker, an American businessman who worked with Hunter Biden for numerous years in the pursuit of international business opportunities, including with CEFC and Romanian Gabriel Popoviciu. On January 26, 2024, Mr. Walker voluntarily appeared before the Oversight and Judiciary Committees for a transcribed interview to discuss his business dealings with Hunter Biden. **As with prior witnesses, Mr. Walker stated unequivocally that Joe Biden was not involved in, did not profit from, and took no official actions in relation to his family’s business dealings, including with CEFC or Gabriel Popoviciu.**

In his opening statement, Mr. Walker described his business ventures with Hunter Biden:

In business, the opportunities we pursued together were varied, well-founded, and well within the bounds of legitimate business activities. To be clear, President Biden—while in office or as a private citizen—was never involved in any of the business activities we pursued. Any statement to the contrary is simply false. Hunter made sure there was always a clear boundary between any business and his father. Always. And as his partner, I always understood and respected that boundary.²⁷

Later during his transcribed interview, he added:

Q: Have you ever discussed business with Joe Biden?

A: I’ve never discussed business with Joe Biden ever.

Q: Not when he was a Senator?

A: No.

Q: Not when he was the Vice President?

²⁵ *Id.* at 55–56.

²⁶ *Id.* at 43.

²⁷ Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of John Robinson Walker at 11 (Jan. 26, 2024).

A: Never.

Q: Never discussed business when he was a private citizen?

A: Never.

Q: And not since he's been President?

A: I haven't seen him or – no.²⁸

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Q: Was he ever involved in any of the business entities that you've worked for?

A: No.

Q: Okay. Let me have one minute. Have you ever wired or sent money to Joe Biden?

A: No.

Q: Not when he was a Senator?

A: Never.

Q: Not when he – never? Not as a private citizen or anytime in office?

A: No.

Q: Okay. Do you have any reason to believe that Joe Biden benefited financially from any of your business dealings with Hunter Biden?

A: No.

Q: Did Hunter ever tell you that Joe Biden was involved in any of his business ventures in any way?

A: No.²⁹

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Q: We talked a lot about Hunter Biden today, and so I wanted to ask you a very simple question: Are you aware of any evidence of any wrongdoing by President Biden?

²⁸ *Id.* at 54.

²⁹ *Id.* at 55–56.

A: I am not.³⁰

During his interview, Mr. Walker described a ten-minute “drop-by” in 2017 by Joe Biden, then a private citizen, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C., where Mr. Walker and Hunter Biden were meeting with Chinese business partners.³¹ Mr. Walker explained that Joe Biden exchanged pleasantries with everyone and left and that no business was discussed while Joe Biden was present.

Q: At that Four Seasons meeting we were talking about –

A: Yes.

Q: – where then-private citizen Joe Biden came and exchanged pleasantries for I think maybe 10 minutes, you said, and then left. Do I have that right?

A: That’s correct.

Q: Before Joe Biden arrived, while he was there or after he left, did anyone say that Joe Biden had any involvement with any business dealings between – involving you or CEFC?

A: Nobody discussed anything like that.

Q: Did anyone suggest it in any way?

A: No.³²

F. Eric Schwerin

On November 9, 2023, Chairman Comer and Chairman Jordan issued subpoenas to Eric Schwerin. In a letter to Mr. Schwerin’s attorney, William Farah, accompanying the subpoena, Chairmen Comer and Jordan alleged that Mr. Schwerin “played a key role in the Biden family’s business dealings and the chain of complex financial transactions that was used to hide the foreign sources of the funds received by the Biden family.”³³ Mr. Schwerin appeared for a transcribed interview with the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on the Judiciary on January 30, 2024.

Mr. Schwerin worked as a career civil servant at the U.S. Department of Commerce from 1995 through 2002. While at the Commerce Department, Mr. Schwerin became friends with Hunter Biden, and after leaving the Commerce Department, he joined Hunter Biden at a

³⁰ *Id.* at 210.

³¹ *Id.* at 62–63.

³² *Id.* at 59.

³³ Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Jim Jordan, Committee on the Judiciary, to William Farah (Nov. 9, 2023) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Letter-to-Schwerin-11.9.23.pdf>).

lobbying/law firm. Beginning in approximately 2009, Mr. Schwerin, Hunter Biden, and other associates formed several new business ventures, and Mr. Schwerin and Hunter Biden remained in business together for approximately a decade.

From 2009 to 2017, Mr. Schwerin also assisted Joe Biden while he served as Vice President in managing his household finances. In the course of providing this bookkeeping assistance, Mr. Schwerin had access to former Vice President Biden's bank accounts. **Mr. Schwerin made clear in his transcribed interview with the Committee that he never witnessed any money entering the Vice President's accounts resulting from any business conducted by the Vice President's family members. Mr. Schwerin also made clear that Vice President Biden had no involvement in—and took no official actions to advance—any business conducted by any of Vice President Biden's family members.**

In his opening remarks at this transcribed interview, Mr. Schwerin stated:

As I discussed with the Oversight Committee staff when we met last year, from 2009 to 2017, I performed a number of administrative and bookkeeping tasks for then-Vice President Joe Biden related to his household finances. I also helped him and his accountants in their preparation of his taxes and his annual financial disclosure statements.

In the course of performing these duties, I had the ability to view transactions both into and out of Vice President Biden's bank accounts while he was Vice President. Based on that insight, I am not aware of any financial transactions or compensation that Vice President Biden received related to business conducted by any of his family members or their associates, nor any involvement by him in their businesses – none.

The Oversight Committee's letter to me from February 8th of last year said the committee is, quote, "investigating President Biden's knowledge of and role in Hunter's foreign business deals," end quote.

I cannot recall any requests for Vice President Biden to take any official action on behalf of any of Hunter's clients or his business deals, foreign or domestic. In fact, I am not aware of any role that Vice President Biden, as a public official or a private citizen, had in any of Hunter's business activities – none.

As it relates to my own interactions with Vice President Biden, I never asked him to take any official actions for the benefit of Hunter's clients or any other client. Furthermore, I have no recollection of any promises or suggestions made by Hunter or myself to any clients or business associates that his father would take any official actions on their behalf – none.

In my discussions with the Vice President concerning his personal finances, he was always crystal clear that he wanted to take the most transparent and ethical approach, consistent with both the spirit and the letter of the law.

Given my awareness of his finances and explicit directions he gave to his financial advisors, the allegation that he would engage in any improper conduct to benefit himself or his family is preposterous to me.³⁴

In response to questions from the Committees, Mr. Schwerin made clear that he never observed Vice President Biden engaging in any unethical activity, and he reiterated that he never observed Vice President Biden have any involvement in any of this family members' business activities.

Q: Did you see Joe Biden engage in unethical activity?

A: I did not.

Q: Any suspicious activity at all?

A: I did not.

Q: And was it your opinion in these engagements with Joe Biden that he tried to manage his finances transparently and keep everything aboveboard?

A: Yes.

Q: And it was never your understanding that money coming into Joe Biden's personal accounts needed to be hidden or covered up in anyway. Is that correct?

A: That's correct.

Q: And in performing these services for him, did you have to communicate with Joe Biden somewhat regularly?

A: Yes.

Q: So would this entail regular communications like emails or phone calls, for example?

A: Yes.

Q: And in these communications, Joe Biden never tried to elicit information about his son's business ventures, correct?

A: That's correct.

Q: And you never discussed how Joe Biden's policy decisions would impact your or Hunter Biden's business ventures, correct?

³⁴ Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of Eric Schwerin at 10–11 (Jan. 30, 2024).

A: That's correct.

Q: And you're not aware of Joe Biden taking any official actions to advance his son's business interests, correct?

A: Correct.

Q: And you never tried to elicit political favors from Joe Biden during this time to benefit your business ventures, correct?

A: Correct.

Q: And to the best of your knowledge, Hunter never asked his father for such political favors to advance his business ventures, correct?

A: Correct.

Q: And during this time did you ever witness Hunter's business associates deposit money into Joe Biden's accounts?

A: I never did.³⁵

In response to claims from Republicans that he had "quite a bit of access to the White House" during the Obama Administration, Mr. Schwerin explained that most of his visits to the White House were to pick up documents related to then-Vice President Biden's personal finances:

Q: Isn't it an issue that you were getting quite a bit of access to the White House too? I mean, during your time when the Obama administration, reports are that you went to the White House over 30 times. So just from an optics standpoint, you're doing free work for the Vice President doing all his financials. Hunter Biden is your partner in business. You're overseeing all of his financials. You're advisors. You're not lobbyists, but you're getting all this access to the White House. Isn't that problematic?

A: I don't know – a lot of those visits, as far as I'm concerned, were – and Remember – were related to helping the Vice President with his finances. So there were times I would go over there and sit down with him, particularly as we – on these annual bases for these meetings, but also, a lot of it was to go pick up these bills.

So a lot of times I would get a call from his assistant who would say, the Vice President has bills that he needs to get to you. I would be in the neighborhood, and I would say, sure, I'll stop by.

³⁵ *Id.* at 55–56.

The intent a lot of times was his assistant would run out and give them to me. Invariably, I found that I'd get there and they would say, we're swamped. We can't even get out of here. Let me quickly clear you in. You can come in and pick them up and go.

So I feel like that – my recollection is that was a lot of those visits to the White House.³⁶

G. Joseph Langston

On November 9, 2023, Joseph Langston, a friend and former business associate of James Biden, received a letter from Chairmen Comer and Jordan requesting a transcribed interview. On February 1, 2024, Mr. Langston appeared for a transcribed interview before the Oversight and Judiciary Committees at his lawyer's offices in Booneville, Mississippi. Langston has known James and Joseph Biden since the 1990s. Langston subsequently developed a friendship with James Biden and became involved in various business ventures with him. Langston has had no contact with Joe Biden in over fifteen years.³⁷

During the course of his relationship with James Biden, Langston made several loans to James and Sara Biden's entity Lion Hall or to James individually totaling at least \$812,000. Langston explained that he made these loans out of friendship to James Biden and to cover expenses that James incurred in seeking to get their business ventures off the ground as well as from damage to James's and Sara's Florida property due to what Mr. Langston described as a "catastrophic weather event."³⁸ He recalled that James has to date repaid approximately half of that amount, and that he has not sought to collect the remaining balance in view of his friendship with James. Langston, who admitted that he is a wealthy man, also made clear that he has a history of making loans to friends generally and forgiving outstanding balances on those loans, and that in view of his wealth, it has not been financially burdensome for him to do so.³⁹

During his transcribed interview, Langston made explicit that **Joe Biden had no involvement whatsoever in his business ventures with James, received no money from any of those ventures, and that the mere notion of involving Joe Biden in their business ventures was "categorically unacceptable" to James and Sara Biden.** Although the Republican staff has sought to link the loans to Joe Biden and portray them as intended to influence Joe Biden, Langston made explicit that **Joe Biden had no connection to those loans, that he never discussed those loans with Joe Biden, and that he never expected nor received any favors or other official action from Joe Biden as a result of those loans.**

Langston was repeatedly unequivocal on these points, as excerpted below:

³⁶ *Id.* at 131–132.

³⁷ Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of Joseph Langston at 24, 66 (Jan. 30, 2024).

³⁸ *Id.* at 52–53, 66–67,

³⁹ *Id.* at 53, 69.

Q: ... Have you ever discussed with James Biden, the idea of involving Joe Biden in any of your business ventures?

A: I have not. ... And in any meeting that I've ever been in – and I want to make this clear because I've read so much about it. I haven't talked to y'all about it, but I've read about it, and what I've read is the opposite of what I know. Jimmy Biden has never once, in my experience, offered his brother's participation, help, influence, in any business matter. ...

Q: So just to make sure we're clear, in your experience, the very notion of James using his brother's name to benefit one of your business ventures or benefit you in any other way was categorically unacceptable. Is that right?

A: Not only was it categorically unacceptable to Jimmy, it was equally so to Sara, and, you know, of course I never was around Hunter enough to – for him to say such things, and absolutely Beau did not whenever I was around him. None of the Bidens ever suggested to me that, hey, you can take this relationship – or we'll participate with you in taking this relationship and using it as leverage in any matter of business, money, politic, nothing, that I knew of. So I was surprised by some of the things I read and because my experience was so different.

Q: And in your experience, no member of the Biden family ever did, in fact, use Joe's name for the purpose of furthering a business venture or anything else. Is that correct?

A: Not with me.⁴⁰

Langston was likewise emphatic that Joe Biden never received any funds from his business activities with James, never took any official action to benefit him, and never discussed business with him:

Q: And did Joe Biden at any point in time ever receive any money from any business venture that you were involved in?

A: Absolutely not. It was – to be honest with you, it would be the opposite of what I would expect. I was friends, and I'd like to think I'm still friends with him even though I haven't spoken with him in a long time. I would like to think that they know that I would never suggest such an arrangement. And I would never suggest such an arrangement because I would be shot down immediately by either of them – Joe or Jimmy.⁴¹

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⁴⁰ Committee on Oversight and Accountability and Committee on the Judiciary, Transcribed Interview of Joseph Langston at 32–33 (Jan. 30, 2024).

⁴¹ *Id.* at 33–34.

Q: ... Again, just to make sure we have a clear record, the answer to the question of whether Joe Biden ever took any actions to benefit you or anyone you were acting on behalf of is no. Is that correct?

A: It's no.⁴²

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Q: ... Did James Biden ever suggest to you that his brother, Joe Biden, would take any actions to benefit you as a result of your relationship with James Biden, so.

A: Absolutely not.

Q: Okay.

A: The opposite. He – he didn't like for me to even talk about his brother, you know.⁴³

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Q: We've talked about James Biden's view with respect to interactions with Joe Biden. Just a few follow-up questions about your contacts with Joe. First of all, have you ever discussed business with Joe Biden?

A: I can recall no occasion, unless I asked him where he was on [a pending judicial nomination]. ... But, no, I've never discussed business with him, and frankly, I would've been uncomfortable doing that because I knew it would've made him uncomfortable. So he was a friend, so I didn't want to make him uncomfortable.

Q: Have you ever asked Joe Biden to take official action on your behalf?

A: I can't think of anything, no.

Q: Or on behalf of any of your business-related activities?

A: No, I can't think of anything.⁴⁴

Langston was similarly explicit on the purpose of his loans to Lion Hall and James Biden and the lack of Joe Biden's knowledge of or involvement in them:

Q: Did you ever discuss any of the loans either to Lion Hall or to James with Joe Biden?

⁴² *Id.* at 35.

⁴³ *Id.* at 35–36.

⁴⁴ *Id.* at 36–37.

- A: Absolutely not.
- Q: And did you ever understand that he was aware of any of those loans?
- A: I'd be surprised if he was.
- Q: Did you ever have any expectation that Joe Biden would perform any favors in exchange for any loan from you to James or to Lion Hall?
- A: Absolutely not. No favor was asked, no favor was offered.
- Q: And likewise, you never had any expectation that Joe Biden would take any official action in exchange for any of those loans. Is that right?
- A: Absolutely not. He would not do that. That's right.
- Q: Did James Biden ever suggest that his brother would do that?
- A: No. In fact, quite the opposite.
- Q: And did Joe Biden, in fact, ever provide you with any favors in exchange for any loan you made to James or to Lion Hall?
- A: No.
- Q: I understood your answer in the previous round to the question of why you wrote off some of your loans to James to be out of friendship. Is that a fair characterization?
- A: Yes.
- Q: So your intent in writing off those loans was not to influence or obtain favors from Joe Biden?
- A: Absolutely not. I'm not sure how someone would get a favor from Joe Biden, but I know it's not like that.⁴⁵

As each witness called in by Republicans has affirmed, this so-called impeachment inquiry, including these seven transcribed interviews, have established a mountain of evidence debunking Republican claims and establishing that President Biden was never involved in his family members' business dealings and has committed no wrongdoing, let alone an impeachable offense.

⁴⁵ *Id.* at 70–71.