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Dear Mr. Lowell:

The Committee received your March 13, 2024, letter—which was leaked to the press before the Committee received it—refusing the Committee’s invitation to your client, Hunter Biden, to testify before the Committee in a public hearing. It is surprising given Mr. Biden’s complaints about participating in a “closed-door” deposition regarding the Biden family’s business dealings. Only a few months ago, Hunter Biden demanded—outside the United States Capitol—a public hearing where he would answer questions in front of the American people. After facing questions during a deposition, Mr. Biden decided to reverse his position. The only conclusion that one can reach is that Mr. Biden knows his public testimony would not withstand scrutiny. Nonetheless, the Committee will proceed forward—with or without Mr. Biden—because it is important to show publicly how the Biden brand was sold for so many years in Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan, Romania, and China, and to explain Joe Biden’s involvement in these lucrative transactions. In the interest of transparency, the Committee would ask Mr. Biden to reconsider his refusal to appear before Congress for a public hearing.

The hearing you describe as a “planned-for-media event” is exactly what Mr. Biden has previously demanded. Indeed, Mr. Biden will be afforded the opportunity to provide his perspective alongside those with whom he has worked most closely. You have alleged that the Committee has cherry-picked or otherwise mischaracterized evidence to paint Mr. Biden in an untoward or unfair light. Considering you—along with Democratic House Members—ran to the cameras immediately following your client’s deposition to spin the testimony before it was publicly released the following day, this is a disingenuous allegation. Your concern that the Committee has taken certain communications “out of context” would certainly be allayed by having some of the authors of those communications—including your client—in the same room together to iron out the misunderstandings. Your scheduling concern—that you and Mr. Biden are due to appear in court the day after the hearing—is undercut by Mr. Biden’s appearance at the Committee’s January 10, 2024, business meeting in Washington, D.C. and then appearing in court the next day in California on January 11, 2024.

As a final note, it is comical that Mr. Biden would cast aspersions upon the other witnesses who have been invited to appear alongside him. In addition to Mr. Biden, the Committee has invited three individuals with whom *Mr. Biden*—not the Committee—chose to do business. The Committee has selected these individuals to sit alongside Mr. Biden because

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his testimony contains material discrepancies regarding matters concerning his father. President Biden has not been truthful regarding his family's business and his own participation in it; it is time for Mr. Biden to decide whether he is going to perpetuate that dishonesty to protect his father or come clean to the American people.

Mr. Biden has said previously he wanted to speak publicly; the Committee is offering him that opportunity, as I said I would.¹ Mr. Biden's business associates have expressed their intent to provide testimony to the Committee on March 20, 2024, regarding your client's business with them and Joe Biden's connections to that business. The Committee urges Mr. Biden to appear and let the American public determine whose story to believe.

Sincerely,

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

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

¹ See, e.g., Sudiksha Kochi, *GOP members want Hunter Biden to testify in closed-door deposition first before an open hearing*, USA Today (Nov. 29, 2023).