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Dear Director Peters:

We appreciate that the Justice Department has confirmed your testimony at a hearing before the Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Surveillance titled, “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons,” on July 23, 2024. Prior to your testimony, the Committee wrote to you and other Department leaders on several occasions regarding claims of unfair treatment of Hunter Biden’s business associate Jason Galanis while in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).¹ As we explained, Mr. Galanis alleges that he has been targeted for “retribution” and in an effort to suppress his testimony about the Biden family’s influence peddling scheme.² Unfortunately, to date, neither you nor the Department have provided substantive responses to the Committee’s requests nor the Committee’s subpoena regarding this matter.

The Committee continues to have unanswered questions about the treatment of Mr. Galanis that we hope your testimony will answer. Therefore, in addition to producing all relevant

¹ Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, et al., to Collette S. Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Mar. 5, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, et al., to Negar Tekeei, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (Mar. 5, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, et al., to Colette S. Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (Apr. 26, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary et al., to Sheri Saulsberry, Warden, FPC Pensacola, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (May 9, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary et al., to M.V. Joseph, Former Warden, FPC Pensacola, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (May 9, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and Rep. Matt Gaetz, to Colette S. Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (May 9, 2024).

² Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, et al., to Negar Tekeei, Assistant U.S. Attorney, US. District Court of the Southern District of New York (Mar. 5, 2024); Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary and Rep. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, et al., to Collette S. Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons (Mar. 5, 2024).

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documents in advance of your appearance on July 23, we ask that you be prepared to testify regarding specific information that is responsive to the Committee's ongoing inquiries related to Mr. Galanis. This information includes but is not limited to:

- All policies, procedures, and communications regarding Jason Galanis's application for CARES Act home confinement;
- All coordination or communication between staff members of the BOP, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and the Justice Department regarding Mr. Galanis's treatment while in federal custody;
- Inquiries relating to any allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment perpetrated against Jason Galanis by a BOP staff member;
- Inquiries relating to any allegations of abuse, harassment, or misconduct by the BOP staff member who allegedly assaulted and harassed Jason Galanis;
- Inquiries regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 Procedural Compliance; and
- Inquiries regarding the Sexually Abusive Behavior Prevention and Intervention Program.

We look forward to your upcoming testimony and the opportunity for the Committee to effectively pursue its oversight of the Department's and BOP's treatment of Mr. Galanis. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Andy Biggs
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Subcommittee on Crime and Federal
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cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member
The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Crime and
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