

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

2157 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6143

MAJORITY (202) 225-5074
MINORITY (202) 225-5051
<https://oversight.house.gov>

May 22, 2025

Transmitted Electronically

Dr. Kevin O'Connor
Former Physician to the President

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the accuracy, transparency, and credibility of your medical assessments of former President Joe Biden given his recent acknowledgment of an advanced physical condition and a publicly apparent cognitive decline. The Committee first wrote to you about your medical assessments (and possible conflicts of interests inherent to them) on July 7, 2024,¹ but Biden White House officials stalled all attempts by the Committee to obtain your testimony. In light of mounting evidence that confirms the Committee's initial observation that President Biden was significantly unwell while serving in office,² the Committee seeks information to ensure accurate information was provided to the American people and your health reports were not subject to any improper influence. Therefore, the Committee requests your appearance for a transcribed interview.

The Committee continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding your assessment in February 2024 that former President Biden was "a healthy, active, robust 81-year-old male, who remains fit to successfully execute the duties of the Presidency."³ Further, the Committee remains interested in whether your financial relationship with the Biden family affected your assessment of former President Biden's physical and mental fitness to fulfill his duties as President. Given your connections with the Biden family,⁴ the Committee seeks to understand if you contributed to an effort to hide former President Biden's fitness to serve from the American people.

The audio recording from Special Counsel Robert Hur's interview with former President Biden is a startling reminder of the President's rapidly deteriorating mental and physical condition.⁵ Now, *Axios* reports that members of former President Biden's Cabinet voiced

¹ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to Kevin O'Connor, Physician to the President, The White House (July 7, 2024).

² Joel Achenbach, *What to know about Biden's prostate cancer diagnosis*, THE WASH. POST (updated May 18, 2025).

³ Memorandum from Kevin O'Connor, Physician to the President, The White House, to Karine Jean-Pierre, Assistant to the President and White House Press Secretary, The White House (Feb. 28, 2024).

⁴ See Transcribed Interview of James Brian Biden, at 38-39 (Feb. 21, 2024).

⁵ Marc Caputo & Alex Thompson, *Exclusive: Prosecutor's audio shows Biden's memory lapses*, AXIOS (May 16, 2025), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugM76taxz2E&t=1s>.

Dr. Kevin O'Connor

May 22, 2025

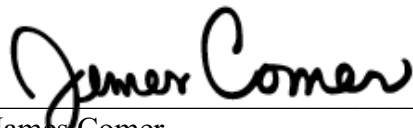
Page 2 of 2

concerns about his ability to respond to a crisis due to his declining health.⁶ This newly released information will be examined by the Committee.

The Committee seeks information about your assessment of and relationship with former President Biden to explore whether the time has come for Congress to revisit potential legislation to address the oversight of presidents' fitness to serve pursuant to its authority under Section 4 of the Twenty-Fifth Amendment.⁷ This investigation continues to inform the Committee about whether additional reforms or enhancements to financial disclosures of White House employees, including the Physician to the President, are necessary.

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. Accordingly, we request you make yourself available for a transcribed interview on June 25, 2025. Please confirm your appearance as soon as possible but no later than May 29, 2025. To ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Comer" clearly distinguishable.

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Stephen F. Lynch
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

⁶ Alex Thompson, *New Book: Biden Cabinet members worried about his capacity in a crisis*, AXIOS (May 14, 2025).

⁷ See Press Release, Office of Rep. Jamie Raskin, *Raskin Reintroduces 25th Amendment Legislation Establishing Independent Commission on Presidential Capacity* (Oct. 9, 2020); see also Oversight Commission on Presidential Capacity Act, H.R. 1987, 115th Cong. (2020).