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June 4, 2025

Transmitted Electronically

Mr. Ronald A. Klain
Former Chief of Staff

Dear Mr. Klain:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the role of former senior White House officials in possibly usurping authority from former President Joe Biden and the ramifications of a White House staff intent on hiding his rapidly worsening mental and physical faculties. The Committee has been investigating this issue for nearly a year.¹ The Committee seeks to understand who made key decisions and exercised the powers of the executive branch during the previous administration, possibly without former President Biden's consent. The Committee requests your testimony to evaluate your eye-witness account of former President Biden's decline.

You served as Chief of Staff for former President Biden. Before departing the White House in 2023, you had been by former President Biden's side "for more than three decades."² You returned to the former president's side in 2024 to aid his campaign and prepare him for the June 27, 2024, debate with President Donald Trump.³ According to an interview, you cut short the debate prep "due to the president's fatigue and lack of familiarity with the subject matter" and said that the former president "didn't really understand what his argument was on inflation."⁴ The scope of your responsibilities—both official and otherwise—and personal interactions within the Oval Office cannot go without investigation. If White House staff carried out a strategy lasting months or even years to hide the chief executive's condition—or to perform his duties—Congress may need to consider a legislative response.

The Committee believes you have information critical to this investigation and requests your appearance for a transcribed interview on July 24, 2025. By June 11, 2025, please 1) confirm you will attend the transcribed interview scheduled on July 24, 2025, voluntarily, 2) provide an alternative date for the interview to occur within one week of July 24, 2025, or 3)

¹ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability, to Edward Siskel, Assistant to the President and White House Counsel, The White House (July 10, 2024).

² Zolan Kanno-Youngs, *Bear Hugs and Dad Jokes: Ron Klain's Tearful Goodbye*, THE NY TIMES (Feb. 1, 2023).

³ Katie Rogers, *Ron Klain, Former Chief of Staff, Will Return to Help Biden With Debate*, THE NY TIMES (May 15, 2024).

⁴ Adam Cancryn, *Klain: Biden's senior team isolated him ahead of disastrous June debate*, POLITICO (Apr. 2, 2025).

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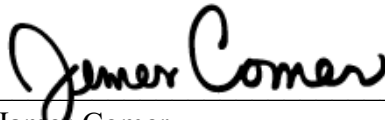
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notify the Committee that you will require a subpoena to compel your attendance for a deposition on July 24, 2025. June 11, 2025, is not a deadline to inform the Committee you require additional time to weigh your response. To ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

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. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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