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June 4, 2025

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Mr. Steve Ricchetti
Former Counselor to the President

Dear Mr. Ricchetti:

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.

As Counselor to former President Biden, you served as one of his closest advisors.² According to a report, you were part of a group of insiders who implemented a strategy to minimize "the president's age-related struggles."³ The scope and details of that strategy 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 22, 2025. By June 11, 2025, please 1) confirm you will attend the transcribed interview scheduled on July 22, 2025, voluntarily, 2) provide an alternative date for the interview to occur within one week of July 22, 2025, or 3) notify the Committee that you will require a subpoena to compel your attendance for a deposition on July 22, 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.

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 Andrew Restuccia et al., *How Biden's Inner Circle Worked to Keep Signs of Aging Under Wraps*, WALL ST. J. (July 8, 2024).

³ *Id.*

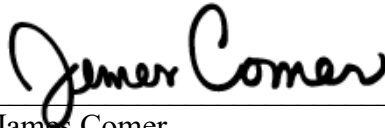
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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is 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
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