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The Honorable Christopher A. Wray Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

On September 23, Chairman Ron Johnson and Chairman Chuck Grassley released an explosive report detailing misconduct and potential criminal activity during the Obama-Biden Administration.¹ We write to ask what investigative steps—if any—the Federal Bureau of Investigation has taken in response to the information in this report.

Among other findings, the report documented "potential criminal activity relating to transactions among and between Hunter Biden, his family, and his associates with Ukrainian, Russian, Kazakh, and Chinese nationals." Hunter Biden, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, allegedly received \$3.5 million from the wife of the former mayor of Moscow. Hunter Biden also allegedly sent "thousands of dollars" to individuals involved in human trafficking and organized prostitution. In addition, the report explained Hunter Biden's questionable associations with people affiliated with the Chinese communist regime:

Hunter Biden and his family, to include James Biden and Sara Biden, associated with other Chinese nationals such as Gongwen Dong. In one case, the three of them went on a \$100,000 global spending spree after Gongwen Dong and Hunter Biden opened a joint account. In addition, Hunter Biden received millions of dollars over a period of years from Gongwen Dong's companies. According to records acquired by the Committees, many of these transactions involved potential criminal financial activity.⁵

The report by Chairman Johnson and Chairman Grassley shows that the FBI has been aware of some alleged misconduct for years. The report detailed widespread concern within the Obama-Biden Administration about Hunter Biden's role on the board of Burisma Holdings, a

¹ S. Comm. on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs & S. Comm. on Finance, Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns (Sept. 2020), *available at* https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSGAC Finance Report FINAL.pdf.

² *Id*. at 65.

³ *Id.* at 69.

⁴ Id. at 65 & n. 267.

⁵ *Id.* at 84.

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Ukrainian company founded by oligarch Mykola Zlochevsky. Then-U.S. Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, Amos Hochstein, personally raised concerns to Vice President Biden and—after Vice President Biden spoke to Hunter—to Hunter Biden himself. In addition, senior State Department official George Kent raised concerns to the FBI about a \$7 million bribe paid by Zlochevsky to Ukraine's prosecutor general seven months after Hunter Biden joined Burisma's board. The Chairmen noted that they had asked the FBI about its actions in response to these allegations, but have received no answer from you.

The FBI suffered from a pattern of misconduct and politicization at the highest levels of the FBI during the Obama-Biden Administration. The FBI used Democrat-funded opposition research and Russian disinformation—as well as doctored evidence—to illegally spy on a Trump campaign associate. The FBI sought to entrap Trump National Security Advisor LTG Michael Flynn "to get him to lie, so we can prosecute or get him fired." The new revelations in Chairman Johnson's and Chairman Grassley's report only add more concern about the FBI's actions. We ask that you provide the following information as soon as possible:

- 1. Is the FBI investigating Hunter Biden's receipt of \$3.5 million from the wife of the former mayor of Moscow?
- 2. Is the FBI investigating Hunter Biden's payment of "thousands of dollars" to individuals involved in human trafficking and organized prostitution?
- 3. Is the FBI investigating Hunter Biden's Chinese transactions "involv[ing] potential criminal financial activity"?
- 4. What actions did the FBI take after George Kent made it aware of the \$7 million bribe paid by Ukrainian oligarch Mykola Zlochevsky to the Ukrainian prosecutor general?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chairman

⁶ *Id.* at 13-18.

⁷ *Id.* at 16-18.

⁸ *Id.* at 29.

⁹ *Id.* at 30.

¹⁰ Dep't of Justice Off. of Inspector Gen., Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane Investigation (Dec. 2019).

¹¹ Handwritten notes, Document 188, United States v. Flynn, No. 17-000232 (D.D.C. Apr. 29, 2020).