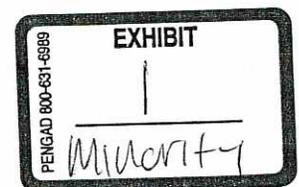


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Joe Biden's Remarks:

“And I remember going over convincing our team, our, others to convincing that we should be providing for loan guarantees. And I went over, try to guess the 12th, 13th time to Kiev, and I was going to, I was supposed to announce there was going to be another billion-dollar loan guarantee. I had gotten a commitment . . . that they were going to take action against the state prosecutor and they didn't. And I said ‘We're not going to give you the billion dollars. They said, ‘You have no authority. You're not the president.’ ... I said, ‘call him.’ I said, ‘I'm telling you, you're not getting the billion dollars.’ I said, ‘you're not getting the billion, we're leaving in six hours.’ **I looked at them and said, ‘I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.’ Well, son of a bitch! He got fired.** And they put in place someone who was solid at the time.”¹



¹ <https://www.wsj.com/video/opinion-joe-biden-forced-ukraine-to-fire-prosecutor-for-aid-money/C1C51BB8-3988-4070-869F-CAD3CA0E81D8.html>