

United States Senate

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland:

In light of the unprecedented indictment of former President Trump last week, we write today to express deep concern about the two-tiered system of justice that has been carried out under your watch. This administration has targeted pro-life individuals and people of faith for politically motivated prosecutions and has slandered parents concerned about their children's education as "domestic terrorists."¹ Your Department of Justice (DOJ) has refused to enforce federal law to protect Supreme Court justices who have been subjected to constant protests outside of their homes.² On your orders, the FBI even went so far as to carry out a raid on former President Trump's home—a politically motivated attack, the likes of which have never before occurred in our nation's history. Under your watch, the Department of Justice has been weaponized to target President Biden's top political opponent in advance of the 2024 election. Meanwhile, your DOJ has blatantly ignored the credible allegations of President Biden's and his family's corruption.

The outstanding allegations of potential corruption and wrongdoing on the part of multiple members of the Biden family are deeply concerning, to say the least. Specifically, recent reports indicate that Burisma—a Ukrainian natural gas firm where Hunter Biden sat on the board—allegedly paid then-Vice President Biden \$5 million to influence United States policy decisions—conduct that would clearly constitute bribery.³ To make matters worse, the FBI has stonewalled congressional oversight of this matter refusing to comply with a subpoena from the House Oversight Committee.⁴ Additionally, both Joe and Hunter Biden pursued numerous business deals

¹ Callie Patteson, *WH 'Actively Engaged' with NSBA Before 'Domestic Terror' Letter: Memo*, N.Y. POST (Nov. 11, 2021, 5:37 PM), <https://nypost.com/2021/11/11/white-house-engaged-with-nsba-before-domestic-terror-letter-memo/>.

² Andrew C. McCarthy, *DOJ's Silence on the Left's Lawless Intimidation of Supreme Court Justices*, NAT'L REVIEW (May 10, 2022, 2:08 PM), <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/dojs-silence-on-the-lefts-lawless-intimidation-of-supreme-court-justices/>.

³ Brooke Singman, *Joe Biden Allegedly Paid \$5M by Burisma Executive as Part of a Bribery Scheme, According to FBI Document*, FOX NEWS (June 8, 2023, 5:15 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-allegedly-paid-5-million-by-burisma-executive>.

⁴ Victor Nava & Jon Levine, *FBI Again Refuses to Comply with Subpoena, Declines to Give House Report on Biden Bribery Allegation*, N.Y. POST (May 22, 2023, 6:12 PM), <https://nypost.com/2023/05/22/house-oversight-committee-to-announce-next-steps-after-fbi-fails-to-turnover-informant-file-alleging-biden-took-bribes/>.

that were allegedly arranged by individuals with ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).⁵ Allegations have also surfaced that Hunter Biden’s private equity firm held a stake in a Chinese company with ties to CCP officials.⁶

Given these concerning allegations that continue to come to light with each passing day, we urge you to appoint a special counsel⁷ to investigate any wrongdoing by President Biden and his family in their business dealings. Only then—with the appointment of a neutral and independent special counsel with broad authority to investigate these credible claims of the Biden family’s corruption—can the American people be assured that there is truly one set of laws in this country and that they apply to everyone equally, regardless of their viewpoint or political affiliation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



Mike Braun
United States Senator

⁵ Jon Levine & Mary Kay Linge, *Hunter Biden and China: A Timeline of His Business Ties to the Far East*, N.Y. Post (Dec. 19, 2020, 4:04 PM), <https://nypost.com/article/hunter-biden-china-timeline-business-ties/>.

⁶ Cameron Cawthorne, *Hunter Biden, Former Biden Aide Invested in Chinese Company Tied to Communist Party, NBA China*, FOX NEWS (Jan. 20, 2022, 3:01 PM), <https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/hunter-biden-aide-invested-chinese-company-communist-party>.

⁷ It is important to note that Special Counsel Robert Hur’s investigative mandate is limited solely to President Biden’s possible unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents or other records. Mr. Hur, therefore, has no authority to look into the matters we have outlined above.