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House Committee on Oversight

Dear Chairman Comer,

Chairman James Comer

and Accountability

Thank you for your commitment to improving the integrity and accountability of the federal government. As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, I write to request an immediate investigation into Secretary of State Antony Blinken and certain former intelligence officials for interfering in the 2020 presidential election.

As you know, on October 19, 2020, fifty-one former senior intelligence officials signed a public letter regarding a New York Post story revealing Hunter Biden's laptop contained emails suggesting he was attempting to provide Ukrainian energy officials access to meet then-Vice President Joseph R. Biden. Specifically, the former intelligence officials stated, "emails purportedly belonging to Vice President Biden's son Hunter, much of it relating to his time serving on the Board of the Ukrainian gas company Burisma, has all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation."¹

Depositions conducted by this Committee confirmed Hunter Biden and Devon Archer communicated about a trip to Ukraine by then-Vice President Joe Biden.² Additionally, the United States Department of Justice confirmed the laptop's legitimacy in *United States of America v*. Robert Hunter Biden and used photos and videos from the laptop to convict Hunter Biden of felony gun charges.^{3, 4} Finally, former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Deputy Director Michael Morrell testified that then-Biden campaign advisor and current Secretary of State Antony Blinken "played a role in the inception" of the public letter.⁵

¹ Bertrand, N. (2020, October 19). Hunter Biden story is Russian disinfo, dozens of former Intel officials say - politico. https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/19/hunter-biden-story-russian-disinfo-430276

² Committee on Oversight and Accountability Interview of Devon Archer. (2023).

³ Brown, E., & MacFarlane, S. (2024, June 3). Hunter Biden jury seated in his federal gun trial. CBS News. https://www.cbsnews.com/news/hunter-bidens-federal-gun-trial-delaware/

⁴ Grumbach, G., Barnes, D., Hayes, O., Fitzpatrick, S., & Gregorian, D. (2024, June 11). Hunter Biden, the son of the president, found guilty on federal gun charges after a trial that laid bare his addiction struggles. NBCNews.com. https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/verdict-reached-hunter-biden-gun-trial-rcna155458

⁵ Biden campaign, blinken orchestrated Intel letter to discredit Hunter Biden laptop story, ex-CIA official says. House Judiciary Committee Republicans. (2023, April 21). https://judiciary.house.gov/media/in-the-news/biden-campaignblinken-orchestrated-intel-letter-discredit-hunter-biden-

laptop#:~:text=A%20former%20CIA%20official%20testified,of%20a%20Russian%20disinformation%20campaign.

These findings suggest the Biden campaign conspired with former intelligence officials to mislead the American public and influence the 2020 presidential election. For these reasons, I respectfully request the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability call on Secretary of State Antony Blinken and the former intelligence officials who signed the public letter to testify about their actions before Congress. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Burchett,

Member of Congress