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To: Interested Parties
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Re: The MAGA Impeachment Attempts Have Had Nothing But A Bad Week
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This week was a bad one for both the House Oversight Committee and Homeland Security in their baseless impeachment attempts of President Biden and DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. On the Oversight side, Comer released transcripts from more witnesses that refute all the claims the GOP is making against the President. These repeated faceplants show Comer continues to embarrass himself and his GOP colleagues But don't take our word for it – those same colleagues recently publicly whined to [the Messenger](#) about how poorly the investigation has gone.

Meanwhile, in the pre-planned and predetermined impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas, MAGA House Republicans have announced they are moving forward with a markup of articles of impeachment, without any evidence of impeachable offenses. Both impeachments are being done at the direction of Donald Trump, all to harm President Biden and his administration, help distract from Trump's 91 criminal indictments, and return him to the White House.

MAGA House Republicans' baseless Biden & Mayorkas impeachment pursuits are nothing but political stunts:

- **James Comer and MAGA House Republicans cannot turn up a single shred of evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden.** Two interviews and testimonies this week from Hunter Biden associates [Kevin Morris](#) and [Mervyn Yan](#), completely refute all of the GOP's allegations in the baseless Biden impeachment stunt. It's clear that the President has had no involvement in his son's business dealings. These testimonies align with those of other "bombshell witnesses" [Georges Bergès](#) and [Devon Archer](#), which further prove the MAGA House Republicans and Chairman James Comer continue to fail to call a single witness who has been able to support their evidence-free claims against President Biden. **Comer's repeated flops have even proved him to be an "embarrassment" according to his GOP colleagues.** Time and time again, he shows just how incompetent he is at leading the Oversight Committee.
 - **[The Messenger: Republicans Turn on Their Impeachment Chairman: 'Parade of Embarrassments' \(Exclusive\).](#)** "House Republicans are increasingly disenchanted with Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., saying his leadership

of the Biden impeachment inquiry has become a ‘clueless investigation’ at best and — at worst — ‘a disaster.’ Less than 10 months away from the 2024 election, his impeachment investigation is barreling toward its conclusion, with no smoking gun to bring the president to his knees. Only one thing is clear: Comer, the chairman of the House Oversight Committee, has lost the trust of some in his own party.” [The Messenger, [1/24/24](#)]

- **[House Republican lawmaker](#)**: “One would be hard pressed to find the best moment for James Comer in the Oversight Committee...It’s been a parade of embarrassments.”
 - **[Donald Trump ally](#)**: “Comer has cast a wide net and caught very little fish. That is a big problem for him.”
 - **[A Source close to House GOP leadership](#)**: “James Comer continues to embarrass himself and House Republicans. He screws up over and over and over...I don’t know how Republicans actually impeach the president based on his clueless investigation and lack of leadership.”
- **MAGA House Republicans have failed to turn up a single shred of evidence of wrongdoing by Secretary Mayorkas, yet have planned a markup of articles of impeachment.** MAGA House Republicans have [announced](#) a markup of impeachment articles, without a single shred of evidence of impeachable offenses, and [refused](#) to hear testimony from the Secretary himself. An [inadvertently shared](#) GOP memo further proves the MAGA House Republicans had [pre-planned and predetermined](#) to move forward with an impeachment markup hearing of the Secretary -- all before holding a single hearing.
 - MAGA Republicans' sole [grounds](#) for impeachment are based solely on policy disagreements. The Constitution doesn’t allow impeachment for [policy disagreements](#), making their impeachment attempt not only baseless, but unconstitutional, and shows they are only about playing politics. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, documentation from the Constitutional Convention supports the view that “congressional disagreement with a President’s policy goals is not sufficient grounds for impeachment.”
 - **House Republicans have the wrong priorities and no credibility to claim they care about real solutions to fix our broken and outdated immigration system or the border.** Republicans have refused to work with the Biden administration or even the Senate on immigration or border policy – the House GOP continues to [refuse to consider](#) bipartisan compromises on immigration as they continue to walk away from bipartisan border deals that would address the crisis they decried all year.

- At the [direction](#) of Donald Trump, MAGA House Republicans want to kill any border deal so Trump can continue to campaign on the issue. MAGA Speaker Mike Johnson and their allies have [refused to seriously consider](#) immigration reform and border security legislation “until Donald Trump or another Republican is in the White House.” It’s clear MAGA House Republicans’ priorities are only to Donald Trump, *not* the American people.