

# CONGRESSIONAL INTEGRITY PROJECT

**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Kyle Herrig, Executive Director, Congressional Integrity Project  
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**Re:** James Comer's impeachment inquiry is on the brink of collapse

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*House Republicans, led by James Comer and Jim Jordan, have spent the past year pushing a Russian disinformation campaign to smear President Biden and his family and to help Putin-apologist Donald Trump. They have failed to find a single shred of evidence that President Biden committed any wrongdoing, let alone anything that warrants an impeachment. It is clear to everyone that the impeachment stunt is finished. They managed to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas by a single vote despite bipartisan opposition. Now that impeachment is expected to die in the Senate, leaving them with nothing to show for their time. Comer and MAGA House Republicans have spent far too long acting as Putin's and Trump's puppets and ignoring the important issues that affect Americans, such as increasing access to health care and the economy.*

Here's three important things you need to know:

## **1) MAGA House Republicans Used Criminal Lies Fed By Russian Intelligence As The Basis For Their Impeachment Investigation Into President Biden And His Family**

On Feb. 15, a federal court [unsealed](#) a two-count indictment of Comer's star witness, Alexander Smirnov, for making false statements accusing President Biden and his son Hunter of corruption and bribery – exposing the debunked, criminal lie at the center of Comer's baseless impeachment inquiry. Not only was he indicted for lying about President Biden and his family, but also [exposed](#) for meeting with and being fed information by Russian intelligence officials. Smirnov was the key informant behind an FBI Form FD-1023 dating back to 2020 that documented his secondhand account of a conversation between officials at Ukrainian energy company Burisma that supposedly implicated Joe Biden. Even though the allegations were reviewed and debunked by a [Trump-era DOJ investigation](#), [Burisma's former CEO](#), and [independent fact-checkers](#), Smirnov's criminal lies have served as the basis for Comer's probe since May 2023, with Comer spending nine months praising Smirnov as one of the FBI's "[most respected](#)," "[most effective](#)," "[most credible](#)," "[most trusted, highest paid](#)," informants.

## **2) After Over A Year Investigating, Comer and MAGA House Republicans Have Found No Evidence of Wrongdoing by President Biden**

James Comer and MAGA House Republicans have held at least seven depositions with friends and business associates connected to the Biden family as part of their year-long evidence-free impeachment investigation. Interviews with Hunter Biden's [ex-associate](#) Tony Bobulinski, James Biden's former [business associate](#) Joseph "Joey" Langston, longtime Biden family [bookkeeper](#) Eric Schwerin, Hunter Biden's longtime [business associates](#) Rob Walker and Mervyn Yan, Hunter's [close friend](#) Kevin Morris, and [art dealer](#) George Berges yielded absolutely no evidence of wrongdoing or impeachable offenses by President Biden. Comer repeatedly made [lofty claims](#) that these interviews would turn up evidence of wrongdoing but instead each and every one exposed Comer's penchant for spreading lies and misinformation in order to further the MAGA agenda instead of pursuing the truth. See more in our new [report](#).

## **3) After Wasting a Year on Investigations, MAGA House Republicans' Mayorkas Impeachment Stunt Is Expected To Die In The Senate**

MAGA House Republicans voted to [impeach](#) Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas without a single shred of evidence of high crimes or misdemeanors and with bipartisan opposition. The articles of impeachment now move to the Senate as soon as next week where they are expected to be dismissed. Instead of working towards solutions for the border, House Republicans spent a year, at the direction of their crazed, criminally indicted, disgraced former president Donald Trump and the extreme radical Marjorie Taylor Greene, going after Secretary Mayorkas. They killed a bipartisan border security deal that would have helped the country because Donald Trump [told](#) them to. All they care about is helping Donald Trump in his effort to return to the White House at the repeated expense of their constituents.