

**To:** Interested Parties

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**Re:** Another week of failures for James Comer's Biden baseless impeachment

investigation

Like every other week since the Biden impeachment inquiry was launched, James Comer and the Oversight Committee have still failed to find a single shred of evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden let alone an impeachable offense. This week, Comer hosted yet another failure of a hearing, which like all of his hearings before, produced no new evidence. We're not the only ones who think this impeachment effort is dead and it's time for MAGA Republicans to move on: Comer's colleagues in Congress and right-wing news commentators have repeatedly said the same. It's time for Comer to move on from the failed 15 months he's spent investigating President Biden and focus on the influence-peddling we've seen from the Trump family that he said he would investigate.

- 1) This week's Oversight hearing on the impeachment of President Biden was over before it started. The hearing featured testimony from repeat witnesses like convicted felon Jason Galanis, live from prison, and one of Trump's strongest allies Tony Bobulinski witnesses whose past testimonies were filled with lies, contradictions, and Russian disinformation. These witnesses are the furthest thing from credible. James Comer and his committee have reached a new low by relying on testimony from these two individuals. This shows how desperate they are after their star witness, Alexander Smirnov, was arrested for lying about President Biden and it was revealed that he was being fed stories by Russian intelligence and was paid by Trump business associates.
- 2) Even Republicans agree that impeachment is dead and it's time to move on.

Representative Tim Burchett (R-TN): "The reality is that this isn't going to come to a vote, they don't have the guts to do anything. It's the reality of it. Let's move on."

<u>Representative Troy Nehls (R-TX)</u>: "I don't think we have the will to impeach Joe Biden."

<u>Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)</u>: "I just can't follow" the MAGA House impeachment inquiry.

Kilmeny Duchardt, Newsmax: "The evidence is situational, It's circumstantial."

Rob Finnerty, Newsmax: "This is not gonna go anywhere."

Dana Perino, Fox News: "They keep doing the same hearing over and over again."

Kerri Urbahn, <u>Fox News</u> Legal Editor: "I Think People Are Maybe Becoming A Bit Tired Of All Of This."

John Roberts, <u>Fox News</u>: How Long Can You Continue This Investigation Without Evidence?

3) Clearly, investigating influence peddling is a top priority for James Comer. It's time for him to follow through on his word, after once again agreeing at this week's hearing that he would investigate Trump's children and in-laws and the extensive list of their corrupt family businesses and influence peddling following their time in the White House. The Trump family's business dealings with countries like China and Saudi Arabia during and since leaving the White House are not only conflicts of interest but are a threat to our national security. Now that the Biden impeachment inquiry is all but dead, Comer should have plenty of time to turn his attention elsewhere. We stand by, ready to assist him.