

CONGRESSIONAL INTEGRITY PROJECT

To: Interested Parties
From: Kyle Herrig, Executive Director, Congressional Integrity Project
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Re: James Comer's baseless impeachment inquiry is dead. It is time to move on.

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. In interviews with President Biden's family and at least eight of their friends and business associates, Comer failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden. It is far past time for Comer and MAGA House Republicans to stop acting as Putin and Trump's puppets and go back to the work they were elected to do – lowering costs and growing the economy.

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 recently held depositions with President Biden's son, Hunter, and brother, Jim, where they once again failed to uncover any wrongdoing by President Biden. These were not the only depositions that ended with egg on MAGA House Republicans' faces. They have also held at least eight depositions with friends and business associates connected to the Biden family as part of their year-long evidence-free impeachment investigation. 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.

Reporters and even right-wing TV hosts called out James Comer, saying that the impeachment inquiry is all but over:

Stuart Varney, [Fox Business](#): **Do You Think The American Public Is “Getting a Little Tired of This?”**

- “Congressman, **do you think maybe the American public is getting a little tired of this?** Because they can't they can't understand it. It's complicated. They don't know all the names and places and faces. **And you haven't proved the basic**

point yet that President Biden was directly involved. Is the public getting tired of it?" [Fox Business, 2/29/24, [VIDEO](#)]

Rob Finnerty, [Newsmax](#): **I “Don’t Know How Much Longer” The Impeachment Stunt Can Go On “Without Bearing Some Fruit.”**

- **“I just don’t know how much longer this investigation can- can go on without bearing some fruit...Have you had any conversations with our new House speaker, Mike Johnson, or James Comer, or Jim Jordan, about moving the ball down the field here? Because every time I have a member of Congress on and I understand, I hear you, but they say the exact same thing you just said.”** [Newsmax, 2/29/24, [VIDEO](#)]

Steve Doocy, [Fox News](#): **“Republicans have yet to produce any direct evidence of misconduct by Joe Biden.”**

- “Right now, the Republicans do not have enough votes to impeach. And after dozens of interviews and over 100,000 documents released to the committees, the Republicans have yet to produce any direct evidence of misconduct by Joe Biden.” [Fox News, 2/28/24, [VIDEO](#)]

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

Last month, 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.

James Comer and Jim Jordan Do Not Even Have Enough Votes To Support Their Evidence-Free Impeachment

There is not enough support to impeach President Biden even within the MAGA House GOP caucus. MAGA House Republicans have failed to find a single shred of evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden, let alone an impeachable offense. House Republicans, including James

Comer himself, have recently said that they are skeptical that there are enough votes to impeach him.

- Rep. [James Comer](#) (R-KY) reportedly told Spectrum News that “the math keeps getting worse.”
- Rep. [Don Bacon](#) (R-NE): “I happen to know there are like 20 Republicans who are not in favor of a Biden impeachment. Mainly because it smells bad what he did, it looks bad, but when you ask them what crime is committed — they can’t tell you.”
- Rep. [Patrick McHenry](#) (R-NC): Odds of a floor vote on impeachment is “less than 50 percent.”
- Rep. [Scott Perry](#): “I don’t think we are going to get to a point, quite honestly, where we are going to be able to impeach him, especially with the thin margin that we have.”
- Anonymous [House Republican](#): “I don't see it going anywhere substantive.”
- Anonymous [House Republican](#): “I don't think it'll go to the floor. There are too many Republicans who will tell the speaker it won't pass.”