

# CONGRESSIONAL INTEGRITY PROJECT

**To:** Interested Parties  
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**Re:** House Republicans Admit Impeachment Investigation is a Failure

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*After over a year of investigations, a failed hearing with MAGA Special Counsel Robert Hur, and new reporting that their criminal liar star witness was paid by Trump business associates, it's clear that the MAGA impeachment investigation into Biden is done. Don't believe us - just ask anonymous House GOP member or anonymous House GOP aide!*

**It's far past time to end the baseless impeachment investigation that hasn't found any evidence of wrongdoing whatsoever.**

## **House Republicans Say Impeachment Inquiry Has Lost Steam**

**House Republicans should listen to their own advice - their impeachment investigation can't identify a crime, doesn't have support, and has lost steam.** As Comer has admitted himself - it's time to wrap it up.

**Fox News:** "Biden impeachment effort starting to 'lose steam,' House Republicans say"

- "House Republicans are growing **increasingly skeptical** of whether their push to impeach President Biden will succeed."
- "Another GOP lawmaker...agreed the impeachment push has **lost momentum.**"
- Rep. Don Bacon: "When the staff tells you that **they can't identify a particular crime**, that's a problem." [Fox News, [3/12/24](#)]

**The New Republic:** "House Speaker Mike Johnson appears to be growing cold on the idea of impeaching Joe Biden"

- "Despite insisting for more than a year that the president and his family are guilty of corruption, House Republicans have quietly begun looking for an off-ramp. **Their investigation has produced no evidence of Biden's involvement in crimes**, and with their rapidly shrinking majority, articles of impeachment would be unlikely to pass anyway."
- "Republicans have begun to **express doubt** that articles of impeachment will ever make it to the floor, and even **House Oversight Chair James Comer**, who spearheaded the

charge against the Biden family, **has changed his tune.**”

- “And even if Johnson did bring articles of impeachment to the floor, the likelihood that they would pass seems **to shrink with every passing day.**” [The New Republic, [3/14/24](#)]

**ABC News:** “The probe is essentially ‘falling apart’ and is at a ‘standstill’”

- “The probe has **been plagued by Republicans at times mischaracterizing and inflating the evidence** they've gathered. Republicans have also squabbled behind closed doors.”
- “The notion of issuing criminal referrals as part of the probe has gained traction...as **the prospects of impeaching President Biden have dulled...**with one congressional Republican bluntly describing the move as an ‘exit strategy.’”
- “Their yearlong investigation into Joe Biden and his family is unlikely to result in the president's impeachment...even staunch conservatives...have acknowledged that **Republicans lack the votes.**” [ABC News, [3/12/24](#)]

**Punchbowl News:** Chairman Comer: “I would love to wrap it up.”

- A House Republican leadership aide: “**Jordan and Comer are becoming the chairmen who cried wolf**, promising there’s a ‘there’ there over and over again and producing **nothing anywhere close to an impeachable offense.**”
- “Most House Republicans understand that **they haven’t found evidence that Biden is guilty** of any high crimes and misdemeanors.”
- “Most Republicans privately admit **they’ll never be able to pass** an impeachment resolution.” [Punchbowl News, [3/13/24](#)]

**Politico Playbook:** “GOP plots a Biden non-impeachment”

- “The high-stakes hearing overall **was a dud for the GOP’s efforts to oust Biden.**”
- “Now, talk in the House GOP is **turning to the search for an off-ramp.**”
- “Republicans of all ideological persuasions are increasingly admitting that they pulled the trigger on Biden’s impeachment too soon and that **the effort has been hobbled by embarrassing setbacks.**” [Politico Playbook, [3/14/24](#)]

**Politico:** “As Biden impeachment stalls, House GOP turns to backup plans”

- “Now their biggest target, impeaching Biden, is all but **guaranteed to fall short — an embarrassing setback** in the middle of a presidential election year.”
- “House Republicans are increasingly acknowledging that **they don’t have the votes** to impeach President Joe Biden.”
- “While Republicans have considered other paths to antagonize the White House for months, those plans have taken on fresh importance as **a vote to impeach seems doomed.**” [Politico, [3/13/24](#)]

**Comer’s Star Witness Was Paid by Trump Business Associates**

**Criminal liar, Alexander Smirnov, was not only fed stories about President Biden by Russian Intelligence but paid by “Trump business associates” mere months before lying to the FBI. The witness they have based this investigation on and the investigation itself both have absolutely zero credibility.**

Smirnov is one in a long line of Comer’s witnesses who have had no evidence of wrongdoing by the President and even undermined Comer’s investigation. He has not been able to call a single witness who can back up the GOP’s claims against the President, or find a single shred of evidence of wrongdoing whatsoever.

### **Robert Hur’s hearing was a disaster for Republicans.**

**This week’s House Judiciary Committee hearing with Robert Hur was nothing but a failure that backfired spectacularly on Republicans.** The hearing they claimed to be high-stakes was nothing but a dud for MAGA House Republicans, leaving them “searching for an off-ramp”.

- The transcript of Robert Hur’s interview with President Biden proves he lied about the President. Hur went far outside of his job description to misrepresent President Biden and throw a political punch at him, on behalf of Donald Trump. He clearly acknowledged that the President committed no crime, charges would not be filed, and the vast differences between Trump and Biden’s documents cases, and made unnecessary comments about his state of mind anyway – which were proven false.

### **Next week’s hearing is a dying, desperate gasp for relevancy from Comer, Jordan, and MAGA Republicans.**

**After failing to embarrass Hunter Biden or find any shred of wrongdoing by President Biden, this hearing is nothing more than a dying gasp of the impeachment inquiry.** The committees haven’t even noticed the hearing yet, inviting the greatest hits of witnesses who have exonerated the President of any wrongdoing.

- Devon Archer failed to provide any evidence of wrongdoing, as did Tony Bobulinski, Jason Galanis, and Hunter Biden. If Comer and Jordan want to publicly humiliate themselves once again, no one can stop them. But we should all see this for what it is: a total waste of time and the dying gasp of a partisan stunt based on conspiracy theories that were doomed to fail from the beginning.