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The Honorable James Comer Chairman, House Oversight Committee 2157 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

I'm writing to formally call on you to release copies of all your tax returns and bank statements for the past ten years. With the House Oversight Committee's power of subpoena, you've accessed the bank records of Biden family members, private citizens who have never held jobs within the United States government, a level of scrutiny and invasion of privacy that has proven fruitless in turning up evidence of wrongdoing and a waste of taxpayer resources.

According to your own <u>website</u>, "In the spirit of transparency, Congressman Comer believes tax returns of high profile elected officials should be public. It's important for people of the district and America to see his returns."

However, you've only released tax returns for two years. President Biden, on the other hand, has released 25 years of tax returns. Unsatisfied with this unprecedented level of access to a president's financial records, you've used your power to dig into his family members' finances. Unable to find any wrongdoing there, you've purposefully chosen to misconstrue benign transactions between family members that occurred when President Biden was neither in office nor a candidate for office in order to push a false political narrative to harm the President.

Accusing the President's family of profiting off of his name is ironic coming from you. There has been no evidence that President Biden has ever taken any official action to assist in the financial interest of himself or his family. However, you co-sponsored a bill to forgive COVID Paycheck Protection Program loans, a bill your brother directly benefited from when his loan was forgiven to the tune of thousands of dollars. You've all but admitted to weaponizing the government to leak a journalist's private emails and orchestrate a grand jury investigation into a political opponent. And after the CEO of Churchill Downs gave you the maximum contribution to your campaign, you flip-flopped your position on gambling.

There is overwhelming evidence that you've used your power to enrich yourself and your family. We believe that the American public has much more to learn about your own corruption. As a congressional watchdog group, we're demanding you keep the promises you've made in the past and release ten years of your tax records and bank statements.

Sincerely,

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