

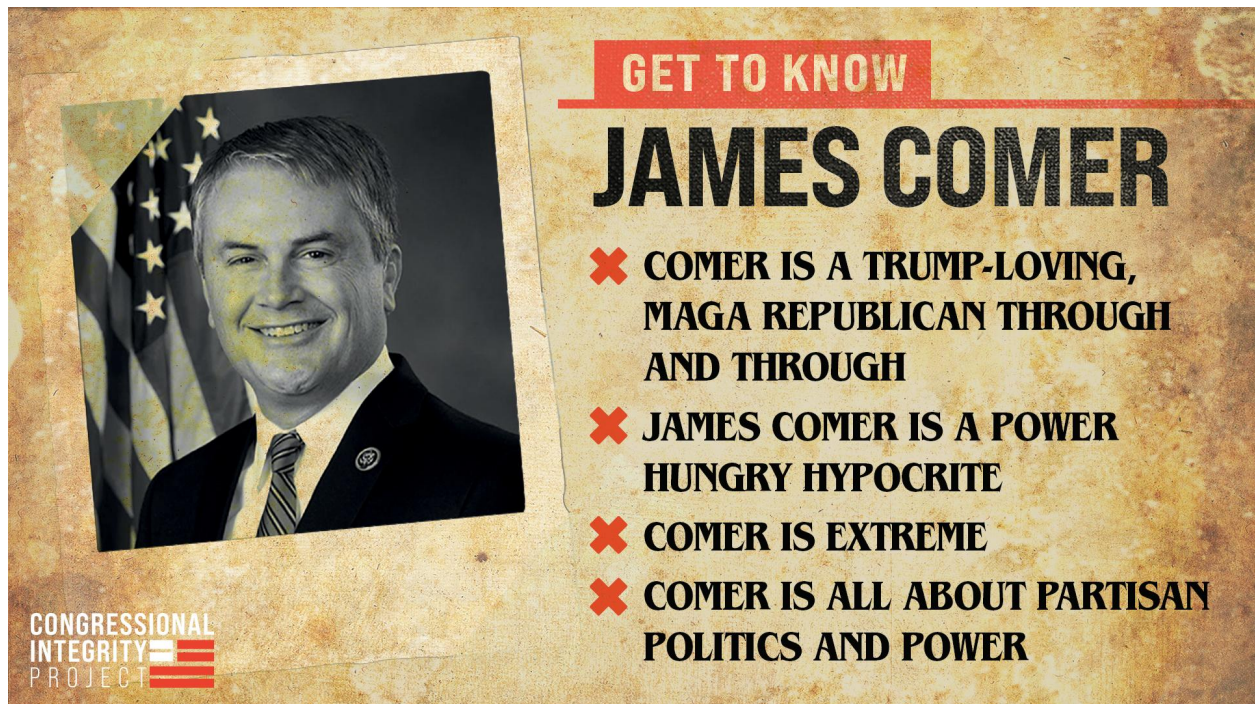
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To: Interested Parties
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Re: Mark Your Calendar. December is Meet James Comer Month.

Just last month, the American people rejected the extreme MAGA agenda and said they want our leaders to focus on solving the real problems they face. But MAGA Republicans aren't listening. As soon as they took over the House, they immediately turned to the Trump playbook of political attacks, stunts, and partisan warfare.

The man likely to lead these Trump-style, divisive, politically-motivated investigations to attack President Biden, his family, and cabinet at any and all costs, is a relatively unknown Congressman from Kentucky slated to chair the powerful House Committee on Oversight and Reform: James Comer.

Well, mark your calendar. December is Get to Know James Comer Month.



GET TO KNOW

JAMES COMER

- ✗ **COMER IS A TRUMP-LOVING, MAGA REPUBLICAN THROUGH AND THROUGH**
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All throughout the month of December, every day, the Congressional Integrity Project will be educating the public about Rep. Comer's record, asking questions, and calling out his political

stunts for what they are: a way to weaken President Biden and gain more power for himself, Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans.

We will show that Comer is a Trump-loving, MAGA Republican; a power hungry hypocrite; extreme in every way voters rejected in this year's midterms; and that everything he is doing is all about gaining political power for himself, Trump and MAGA Republicans.

COMER IS A TRUMP-LOVING, MAGA REPUBLICAN THROUGH AND THROUGH

James Comer is full-MAGA and he will always do the bidding of Donald Trump and his MAGA Republican allies. He has advanced outlandish conspiracy theories and made excuses for former President Trump time and time again.

Comer perpetuated bogus accusations of voter fraud and election integrity, similar to Trump's "[Big Lie](#)." After the 2020 presidential election. Reps. Comer and Jordan sent a letter requesting hearings on the "integrity" of the election and examining so-called allegations of "irregularities and improprieties." After the violent Insurrection on January 6th, Comer said Trump was speaking "[figuratively](#)" at the rally that helped incite the violence. When Congress wanted to investigate what happened on January 6th, he [voted against](#) an independent, bipartisan commission. Comer later called attempts to investigate the Insurrection a "[political stunt](#)," "[a big show](#)," and "[illegitimate](#)." He even tried to deflect blame, signing a [letter](#) implying that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was responsible.

Comer fed the outrageous conspiracy theory that there is a "[deep state](#)" out to get Trump. When the FBI searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate for classified information that did not belong there, Comer said, "The deep state is alive and real, and it's going to be left up to Republicans, hopefully in a majority, starting in January to try to end this and get us back on the path to where we have confidence in our intelligence communities."

Comer made excuses for Trump interfering in Department of Justice investigations. Comer said Trump "[may have been joking](#)" when he asked then-FBI Director James Comey to stop investigating former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

And don't expect Comer to stray at all from the MAGA-wing. He has [welcomed](#) the chance for ultra-MAGA member Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene to join the House Oversight Committee. And [reports note](#) "half of the panel's current Republicans are part of the pro-Trump House Freedom Caucus," which is the most MAGA of the entire Republican conference.

Why should the American people trust James Comer to work for them when it is clear he will be beholden to Donald Trump and his fellow MAGA Republicans?

JAMES COMER IS A POWER HUNGRY HYPOCRITE

The very first day after the race for a House majority was called for Republicans, Reps. Comer and Jim Jordan held a press conference focused on their investigation of the Biden family, showing it was their top priority for 2023.

But where was Comer during the Trump administration? At every turn, Comer looked the other way when corruption took place from inside the White House. Comer and House Republicans opposed issuing subpoenas, obtaining documents, and trying to get testimony to conduct legitimate oversight of this corruption.

Where were Comer and House Republicans when White House Senior Advisor Jared Kushner, [met privately](#) with bank and private equity executives who his business sought loans from and also received [Saudi](#) and [Qatari](#) investments in his family business? Or when Ivanka Trump received three lucrative trademark approvals in China on the [same day](#) she and her father dined with China's president? And, did they even bat an eye at Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump's net worth [skyrocketing](#) by \$640 million while in the White House?

Why should the American people trust James Comer after he and MAGA Republicans impeded legitimate oversight of President Trump for so long? Why shouldn't the American people see that this is nothing more than partisan warfare and political stunts by Comer and his MAGA Republican allies meant to weaken their opponents to gain power for themselves?

COMER IS EXTREME

James Comer's record is extreme on issues important to the American people. He wants to take away fundamental freedoms from Americans. He is a [co-sponsor](#) of a national abortion ban bill, he [voted against](#) reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act and in 2005, as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, he [co-sponsored](#) the bill banning marriage equality in the state. And just this year, he [voted against](#) codifying same sex marriage into federal law.

It's not just Americans' fundamental freedoms he would take away. Comer's record shows he would also take away our economic security. Comer is a [member](#) of the extreme conservative Republican Study Committee (RSC). The RSC has proposed major [budget cuts](#) to Social Security and Medicare and he voted to [take away](#) protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

The American people rejected this extreme MAGA Republican agenda in 2020 and again in 2022 yet the man being put in charge of one of the most powerful committees in Congress didn't get the memo. Why shouldn't the American people see these bogus investigations for what they are? A way for MAGA Republicans to gain more power to impose their extreme agenda on the American people.

COMER IS ALL ABOUT PARTISAN POLITICS AND POWER

For months, Rep. Comer and his MAGA allies admitted what his true intention of becoming chair of the Oversight Committee was: weakening President Biden. It's not about finding facts, or ferreting out "waste" in government, or focusing on the real issues facing Americans. It is about turning the House Oversight Committee into a Trump-style partisan attack machine, to do or say anything to gain power.

Before the November 2022 election, Rep. Comer said he thought his use of investigations could be a factor in making President Biden not seek re-election in 2024.

[REP. JAMES COMER](#): "Well, I think that there are a lot of factors that are going to prevent Joe Biden from running. His age, the results of the midterm elections in two weeks. But also his son. Look, this Biden family investigation's only going to ramp up in a Republican majority."

Comer also believes chairing the House Oversight Committee will help increase his influence in Congress.

[REP. JAMES COMER](#): “I truly think being Chairman of this committee—other than Speaker of the House—is going to be the most important job in Congress come January.”

How can any of Comer’s investigations be taken seriously given his previous comments showing his true political intent and pursuit of power?

CONCLUSION

James Comer has flown under the radar in Congress - but not anymore. The incoming MAGA majority in the House has talked exclusively about mounting politically motivated investigations against President Biden, his family and administration since the race for House control was called two weeks ago - and James Comer will have the most powerful gavel to do so come January. We’re not waiting - the time for the press and public to get to know the real James Comer is now.