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Subject: Ninth Witness Testifies So-Called “Whistleblower” Claims Were False

Yesterday, the Associated Press [reported](#) that Los Angeles U.S. Attorney Martin Estrada testified to the House Judiciary Committee that David Weiss wasn’t blocked from bringing charges against Hunter Biden in California. This directly refutes the claims of the so-called “whistleblowers” who’ve come forward with allegations of interference by the Department of Justice into the Hunter Biden investigation.

Estrada is at least the ninth witness called by Republicans to directly refute the claims of whistleblowers that there was any wrongdoing in the Justice Department investigation into Hunter Biden. It is ridiculous to call people with any claim a “whistleblower” and give them breathless national media coverage and ignore when multiple people have contradicted their claims. For Republicans to continue to entertain these accusations shows how unserious they are.

House Republicans are committed to cherry picking false claims to underpin their illegitimate and debunked smear campaign against President Biden. How many more witnesses need to refute their claims before they admit they have nothing?

Nine witnesses called by Republicans to testify, including U.S. Attorney Martin Estrada, have refuted the so-called “whistleblower” claims:

1. [NBC](#) on Thomas Sobocinski’s testimony: “The FBI agent who oversaw the agency’s investigation into Hunter Biden disputed a claim...that the Justice Department gave preferential treatment to President Joe Biden’s son.”
2. [CNN](#) on Michael Batdorf’s testimony: “A high-ranking Internal Revenue Service official has disputed...allegations about political interference into the Hunter Biden tax investigation are central to House Republican impeachment inquiries against President Joe Biden.”
3. [New York Times](#): Ryeshia Holley, the assistant special agent in charge with the FBI: “I did not think anyone involved in the ongoing matter was politicizing it.”
4. [New York Times](#): Darrell Waldon, the special agent in charge of the IRS’ criminal investigative division was also asked if the case had been politicized, and also answered “No.”

5. [CNN](#) on U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves' testimony: "This new testimony discredits claims made by two IRS whistleblowers that House Republicans have used to fuel an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden."
6. [Associated Press](#) on Martin Estrada's testimony: "A second U.S. Attorney has testified to Congress that the prosecutor overseeing the Hunter Biden investigation had full authority over filing charges."
7. [House Oversight's own transcript](#): An unnamed FBI Senior Supervisory Agent involved in the matter testified that he "wasn't aware of political interference" in the case and that he had never known Weiss or Assistant US Attorneys in Delaware to make or let prosecutorial decisions be "guided by political interference."
8. [New York Times](#): David Weiss: "In a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Weiss said that he had never asked Justice Department officials to give him special counsel status to pursue the case, contradicting testimony to the House Ways and Means Committee by the I.R.S. official, Gary Shapley, who said Mr. Weiss had sought that status and been turned down."
9. [ABC News](#): Merrick Garland: "The only person with authority to make somebody a special counsel or refuse to make somebody a special counsel is the attorney general," Garland said. "Mr. Weiss never made that request to me."