

**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 25, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Ms. Regina Lombardo  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Acting Director Lombardo:

A recent press report detailed an October 2018 incident where a firearm owned by Hunter Biden was discarded in a “trash can behind a grocery store” across from a high school.<sup>1</sup>

After the firearm was discarded, the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) allegedly became involved and sought paperwork from the Federal Firearm Licensee (FFL) connected to Hunter Biden’s purchase of the firearm.<sup>2</sup> The owner of the gun store reportedly “refused to supply the paperwork” to the USSS agents due to suspicion that “the Secret Service officers wanted to hide Hunter’s ownership of the missing gun in case it were to be involved in a crime.”<sup>3</sup> The gun store owner reportedly provided the paperwork to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.<sup>4</sup> According to the report, neither Joe Biden nor Hunter Biden was a Secret Service protectee at that time.<sup>5</sup> However, according to this report, a “law enforcement official” claimed that Secret Service agents in Delaware “kept an informal hand in maintaining the former vice president’s security.”<sup>6</sup>

In addition, at the time of the October 2018 incident, the FBI reportedly “responded to the scene”; however, it is unclear what actions, if any, the FBI took.<sup>7</sup>

In light of the recent press report, please provide all records relating to your agency’s involvement in the alleged October 2018 incident with respect to Hunter Biden’s firearm no later than April 8, 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> Tara Palmeri and Ben Schreckinger, *Sources: Secret Service inserted itself into case of Hunter Biden’s gun*, Politico (March 25, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> According to USSS records, Hunter Biden enrolled as a protectee starting in January 2009 and declined USSS protection after July 8, 2014. See S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. & S. Comm. on Fin., *Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns* at 31 (Sept. 2020), [https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSGAC\\_Finance\\_Report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSGAC_Finance_Report_FINAL.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Tara Palmeri and Ben Schreckinger, *Sources: Secret Service inserted itself into case of Hunter Biden’s gun*, Politico (March 25, 2021).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

Should you have questions, please contact Joshua Flynn-Brown of Senator Grassley's Committee staff at 202-224-5225 and Brian Downey and Scott Wittmann of Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at 202-224-3721. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee  
on Investigations