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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General
Department of Justice

The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel:

On August 6, 2020, as Senator Johnson and I were finishing our September 23, 2020, report on the Biden family's financial connections to foreign governments and questionable foreign nationals, the FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force provided a briefing to us on behalf of the FBI and Intelligence Community.¹ As I have publicly and privately stated to the both of you and your predecessors, the briefing was unnecessary and was only done because of pressure from our Democratic colleagues, including Democratic Leadership, to falsely attack our Biden investigation as advancing Russian disinformation.² Those joint FBI-Democratic efforts obstructed my and Senator Johnson's work.

Simply put, the unnecessary FBI briefing provided the Democrats and liberal media the vehicle to spread their false narrative that our work advanced Russian disinformation. Time has shown that the financial records we released in both of our 2020 Biden family reports, and bank records we later made public in 2022 in three speeches from the Senate floor, were exactly on target and not Russian disinformation.³

¹ Chairman Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on Fin., and Chairman Ron Johnson, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. *Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns*, (Sept. 23, 2020) <https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSGAC%20-%20Finance%20Joint%20Report%202020.09.23.pdf>.

² Letter from Chairman Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on Fin., and Chairman Ron Johnson, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff., to Ranking Member Ron Wyden, S. Comm. on Fin., and Ranking Member Gary Peters, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. (July 28, 2020); Press Release, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Sen. Ron Johnson, Denounce Democrat Disinformation Campaign In Response To Peters, Wyden, Democrat Leaders' Letters (July 28, 2020), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/johnson-grassley-denounce-democrat-disinformation-campaign-response-peters-wyden>; Press Release, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Grassley (Again) Rejects Democrats' Baseless Claims About Burisma Probe (Sept. 16, 2020), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-again-rejects-democrats-baseless-claims-about-burisma-probe>; Floor Speech, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Grassley On The Ukraine Investigation (Sept. 29, 2020), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-ukraine-investigation>; Floor Speech, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Grassley On Democrats Spreading Disinformation To Protect President Biden (Mar. 18, 2021), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-on-democrats-spreading-disinformation-to-protect-president-biden>; Floor Speech, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, The Media Again Takes Liberal Disinformation Bait On Biden Family Oversight (May 11, 2021), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/remarks/the-media-again-takes-liberal-disinformation-bait-on-biden-family-oversight>; Letter from Sen. Charles E. Grassley, and Sen. Ron Johnson to Inspector General Horowitz (July 20, 2021), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_johnson_to_justice_dept.inspectorgeneralaugust2020briefing.pdf;

³ Chairman Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on Fin., and Chairman Ron Johnson, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. *Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns*, (Sept. 23, 2020) <https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HSGAC%20-%20Finance%20Joint%20Report%202020.09.23.pdf>; S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff. & S. Comm. on Fin., *Majority Staff Report Supplemental*, (Nov. 2020) <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-johnson-release-supplement-report-potential-conflicts-interest-stemming>; Floor Speech, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Grassley, Johnson Discuss Investigation Into Biden Family Foreign Financial Entanglements – Part 1 (Mar. 28, 2022), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/remarks/grassley-johnson-discuss-investigation-into-biden-family-foreign-financial-entanglements-part-1>; Floor Speech, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, Grassley, Johnson Release Bank Records Tying Biden Family To CCP-Linked Individuals & Companies (Mar. 29, 2022), <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/remarks/grassley-johnson-release-bank-records-tying-biden-family-to-ccp-linked-individuals-and-companies>; Floor Speech, Sen. Charles E. Grassley, The Biden Family Investigation – Part 3: James Biden (Apr. 5, 2022), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/remarks/the-biden-family-investigation_part-iii-james-biden.

At the briefing as well as after, we requested relevant records relating to what happened at the briefing, including the 302 or similar summary, the intelligence basis for the briefing and the personnel involved in making the decision to brief us. On August 12, 2020; May 3, 2021; July 25, 2022; and August 11, 2022, I made those requests.⁴ Prior to your confirmations, the FBI has consistently failed to respond in full to each request and failed to provide those critical records which creates more questions about the true purpose of the briefing.

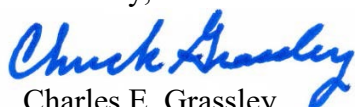
One of the FBI's August 2020 briefers was Nikki Floris, the current Intelligence Analyst in Charge at the FBI's Washington Field Office. Floris is a custodian of records responsive to my years-long records request and has not produced any records. Accordingly, I request the DOJ and FBI search classified and unclassified systems for all records, with an initial focus on email communications, referencing Ms. Floris that relate to the August 2020 briefing and produce them to me in unredacted form.⁵ This request is in addition to my standing request for all records relating to the briefing including the underlying intelligence basis for it.

Lastly, please produce a September 25, 2020, Intelligence Information Report from FBI's Albany Field Office Serial Number 4212730520 and Sentinel Serial Number 193396452.

I anticipate that your written reply and some responsive documents will be unclassified. Please send all unclassified material directly to me. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to me, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions.

If an Intelligence Community agency owns the information that would be responsive to my request, in reply name that agency and the records they've asserted control over to prevent production. Please respond no later than May 19, 2025.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

⁴ Letter from Chairman Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on Fin., to Attorney General Garland and Director Wray (Aug. 12, 2020) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_to_justice_deptfbibriefing.pdf; Letter from Chairman Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on Fin., and Chairman Ron Johnson, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Governmental Aff., to Director Wray and Director Avril Haines (May 3, 2021) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_johnson_to_fbi_odni_-_briefing.pdf; Letter from Ranking Member Charles Grassley to Attorney General Garland and Director Wray (July 25, 2022) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_to_justice_deptfbipoliticalbiasfollowup.pdf; Ranking Member Charles Grassley, Questions for the Record - FBI Oversight Hearing (Aug. 11, 2022) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/fbi_oversight_hearing_questions_for_the_record_-_senator_grassley.pdf.

⁵ "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether they resulted in final documents).