United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Christopher Wray Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20535

Director Wray:

We write to request that you produce an unredacted version of the FD-1023 document in your possession containing allegations of corruption against the Biden family. On May 3, 2023, Senator Grassley and Chairman Comer sent a letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding legally protected and highly credible unclassified whistleblower disclosures. The whistleblower disclosures indicated that the FBI is in possession of an unclassified FD-1023 form describing an alleged criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national relating to the exchange of money for policy decisions. At first, the FBI refused to even acknowledge the existence of the FD-1023, until Senator Grassley and Chairman Comer informed you during a May 31, 2023, phone call that they've reviewed it pursuant to lawful whistleblower disclosures. Moreover, on that call, you failed to describe any steps the FBI has taken to investigate the matter.

Since then, the FBI has provided a redacted version of the document to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability for in camera review, not possession. However, as Senator Grassley noted in a floor speech on June 12, 2023, that redacted version failed to disclose the existence of an alleged fifteen recordings between the foreign national and Hunter Biden and two recordings with then-Vice President Biden.³ Notably, based on the whistleblower disclosures to Senator Grassley, the source of the FD-1023 has been paid at least \$200,000 from the FBI since the investigation was opened and operational. This indicates the government finds the individual to be credible.⁴

¹ Letter from Sen. Charles Grassley, Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget and Rep. James Comer, Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Accountability to FBI Director Christopher Wray (May 3, 2023); https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_comer_to_fbi--biden_1023.pdf

² Press Release, Sen. Charles Grassley, Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget; (May 31, 2023) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/grassley-and-comer-to-wray-provide-the-unclassified-documents-or-face-contempt

³ Floor Speech, Sen. Charles Grassley, Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget; (June 12, 2023) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/remarks/grassley-fbi-redacted-references-to-recordings-in-biden-allegation-shared-with-congress

⁴ Floor Speech, Sen. Charles Grassley, Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget; (June 6, 2023) https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/remarks/grassleys-message-to-the-biden-doj-and-fbi-quit-playing-games-with-the-american-people

The FBI's continued efforts to hide relevant facts from Congress and the American people, as well as its failure to describe any investigative steps taken, will not repair its tarnished reputation. It will do the exact opposite. The allegations contained in the FD-1023 raise serious concerns. As Ranking Member Graham noted, we as a Committee "have an obligation to answer these questions." Unfortunately, the FBI's conduct to this point has not allowed us to do so. In light of the continued failure to transparently address the unclassified FD-1023, we are requesting that the FBI immediately produce an unredacted version directly to the Senate Judiciary Committee and describe, in detail, the steps it has taken to investigate all allegations in the document including whether it is within the scope of U.S. Attorney David Weiss's review.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham Ranking Member

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⁵ Executive Business Meeting of the S. Comm. on the Judiciary, 118th Congress (2023) (statement of Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, Ranking Member) https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/executive-business-meeting-6/15/2023.