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Transmitted Electronically

Ms. Karine Jean-Pierre
Former White House Press Secretary

Dear Ms. Jean-Pierre:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the role of former senior White House officials in possibly usurping authority from former President Joe Biden and the ramifications of a White House staff intent on hiding his rapidly worsening mental and physical faculties. The Committee has been investigating this issue for nearly a year.¹ The Committee seeks to understand who made key decisions and exercised the powers of the executive branch during the previous administration, possibly without former President Biden’s consent. The Committee requests your testimony to evaluate your eye-witness account of former President Biden’s decline.

You served as the White House Press Secretary for President Biden during the last two years of his Administration² and were a trusted inner-circle confidante as you were promoted to Senior Adviser to the President in October 2024.³ You were not only near the president daily, but you were “alongside the ranks of the president’s top confidantes like senior advisers Mike Donilon, Steve Richetti and Bruce Reed.”⁴ Your assertion, on multiple occasions, that President Biden’s decline was attributable to such tactics as “cheap fakes” or “misinformation” cannot go without investigation.⁵ If White House staff carried out a strategy lasting months or even years to hide the chief executive’s condition—or to perform his duties—Congress may need to consider a legislative response.

The Committee believes you have information critical to this investigation and requests your appearance for a transcribed interview on August 18, 2025. By July 4, 2025, please 1) confirm you will attend the transcribed interview scheduled on August 18, 2025, voluntarily, 2)

¹ Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability, to Edward Siskel, Assistant to the President and White House Counsel, The White House (July 10, 2024).

² Tyler Pager, *Karine Jean-Pierre to be next White House press secretary*, THE WASHINGTON POST (May 5, 2022).

³ Mary Bruce and Michelle Stoddart, *White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre promoted to senior adviser: Exclusive*, ABC NEWS (Oct. 7, 2024).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ David Spector and David Rutz, *Former WH press secretary’s defense of Biden’s health over the years*, N.Y. POST (May 23, 2025).

Ms. Karine Jean-Pierre

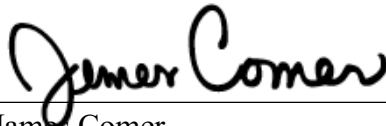
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provide an alternative date for the interview to occur within one week of August 18, 2025, or 3) notify the Committee that you will require a subpoena to compel your attendance for a deposition on August 18, 2025. July 4, 2025, is not a deadline to inform the Committee you require additional time to weigh your response. To ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform