

FBI Director Subpoenaed After Whistleblower Reveals 'Criminal Scheme' Involving Joe Biden

## **Description**

USA: The Republican-led House Oversight Committee on May 3 subpoenaed the FBI for a file alleging that a whistleblower linked President Joe Biden to a "criminal scheme" that involved money for policy decisions while he was the vice president.

"We have received legally protected and highly credible unclassified whistleblower disclosures," Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) and Senate Budget Committee ranking GOP member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) told Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray in a letter dated (pdf) on May 3.

"Based on those disclosures, it has come to our attention that the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) possess an unclassified FD-1023 form that describes an alleged criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national relating to the exchange of money for policy decisions," the letter reads.

Comer's office said it issued a subpoena to Wray (pdf) on May 3 following the whistleblower disclosures to Grassley's office. It said the FBI now must produce all FD-1023 forms that were created in June 2020 involving the word "Biden."

Neither Comer nor Grassley elaborated on what those policy decisions were or how much money was allegedly provided, if any. The White House hasn't yet publicly commented on the matter.

"It has been alleged that the document includes a precise description of how the alleged criminal scheme was employed as well as its purpose," the letter reads. "Based on the alleged specificity within the document, it would appear that the DOJ and the FBI have enough information to determine the truth and accuracy of the information contained within it. However, it remains unclear what steps, if any, were taken to investigate the matter."

Citing financial records and Biden's public comments, Republicans have for years alleged that Biden and members of his family were involved in shady deals with foreign nationals of Ukraine, China, and

other countries. In late 2020, after a laptop that allegedly belonged to his son surfaced, a former Hunter Biden associate, Tony Bobulinski, alleged that Joe Biden was involved in a deal with a Chinese state energy company, and former President Donald Trump accused him of official corruption when he was vice president.

Financial records show that members of the Biden family reaped millions of dollars in profits from overseas business deals when Joe Biden was vice president in the Obama administration. While he was vice president, Biden also interacted with his relatives' foreign associates, Republicans have alleged.

"The significant public interest in assessing the FBI's response to this information, as well as growing concern about the DOJ and the FBI's track record of allowing political bias to infect their decision-making process, necessitate exacting congressional oversight," Comer and Grassley wrote.

The lawmakers argue that the DOJ and FBI both appear to possess "verifiable information" that hadn't been disclosed to the American public.

"Therefore, Congress will proceed to conduct an independent and objective review of this matter, free from those agencies' influence," they said.

## 'That's Not True'

Two months ago, Biden responded to an NTD News reporter's question about claims that an associate of his son transferred \$1 million to members of his family several years ago. That money, Republicans have alleged, was wired to the family associate via a Chinese state-run energy company.

"Any reaction to House GOP's memo about your family's dealings, sir?" NTD White House correspondent Iris Tao asked. NTD News is The Epoch Times' sister media outlet.

"My family's dealings?" Biden asked in response.

"Yes. Revealing that Hunter Biden's business associate sent over \$1 million to three of your family members. Any reaction to that report?" Tao asked.

"That's not true," Biden replied.

BREAKING: President <u>#Biden</u> reacts to House GOP's new memo about his family dealings related to <u>#HunterBiden</u>, saying, "That's not true," after asking me back, "My family dealings?" <u>@RepJamesComer</u>'s memo, citing bank records, says Biden family members received \$1M from Hunter... pic.twitter.com/xdCuuUNvcU

— Iris Tao (@IrisTaoTV) March 17, 2023

Meanwhile, Garland was asked about the probe being carried out by U.S. Attorney David Weiss into Hunter Biden's tax affairs. A reporter asked the attorney general whether Weiss is being insulated from political pressure.

"Yes, it's still the case," Garland said earlier this week. "I stand by my testimony. And I refer you to the U.S. attorney for the District of Delaware, who is in charge of this case and capable of making any decisions that he feels are appropriate."

The DOJ and White House didn't respond by press time to requests by The Epoch Times for comment.

The FBI stated that it received the subpoena but has no additional comment.

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