

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
OFFERED BY MR.GOLDMAN

Strike all of the resolved clauses and the Report and insert the following:

“Resolved, That Chairman Comer has repeatedly refused offers from Hunter Biden and his attorneys to meet with the Chairman, his staff, and Members of the Committee to answer their questions.

Resolved, That on February 8, 2023, Chairman Comer wrote to Hunter Biden requesting “documents and communications related to our investigation of President Biden’s involvement in your financial conduct.”

Resolved, That the next day, February 9, 2023, Hunter Biden’s lawyer responded to Chairman Comer with an “offer to sit with you and your staff, including the ranking member and his staff to see whether Mr. Biden has information that may inform some legitimate legislative purpose and be helpful to the Committee.”

Resolved, That on September 13, 2023, Hunter Biden’s lawyer again wrote to Chairman Comer after a Newsmax interview in which Chairman Comer claimed he “never got a response back” to his February 8 letter. In his September 13 letter, Hunter Biden’s attorney revealed that, in fact, Chairman Comer “never responded” to his February 9 letter, and once again expressed his willingness to meet with the Chairman and his staff, saying he “remain[ed] available to have the discussion.”

Resolved, That on November 8, 2023 Chairman Comer and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jordan issued subpoenas to Hunter Biden requiring his appearance at a deposition on December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. In this letter, Chairman Comer noted: “Given your client’s willingness to address this investigation publicly up to this point, we would expect him to be willing to testify before Congress.”

Resolved, That in various televised interviews, Chairman Comer repeatedly urged Mr. Biden to appear at a public Committee hearing. In a September 13, 2023 interview with Newsmax, Chairman Comer stated: “Hunter Biden is more than welcome to come in front of the committee. If he wants to clear his good name—if he wants to come and say, you know, these weren’t 20 shell companies, they actually did something—he’s invited today. We will drop everything.” In an October 31, 2023 podcast interview with Benny Johnson, Chairman Comer stated: “We have mountains of evidence and now we’re ready to bring [Hunter Biden] in. We’re, we’re in the downhill phase of this investigation now because we have so many documents and, and we can bring these people in for depositions or committee hearings, whichever they choose, and we can ask these questions with evidence.”

Resolved, That in a November 28, 2023, letter, Hunter Biden’s lawyer accepted the Chairman’s offer, stating that Hunter Biden would agree to appear before the Committee on December 13, 2023 to answer questions under oath, in a public hearing. The letter emphasized the importance of an open and transparent public proceeding that “would prevent selective leaks, manipulated transcripts, doctored exhibits, or one-sided press statements,” particularly in light of Chairman Comer’s alarming and persistent use of “closed-door sessions to manipulate, even distort the facts and misinform the public.”

Resolved, That on December 1, 2023, Chairman Comer rejected Hunter Biden’s offer to testify publicly before the Committee. In direct contradiction to his prior statements, Chairman Comer insisted that Hunter Biden would only be permitted to appear before the Committee in a closed-door deposition—not a public hearing—on December 13.

Resolved, That on December 6, 2023, Hunter Biden’s lawyer reiterated Hunter Biden’s willingness “to appear at a hearing on December 13, 2023” or another date in December “to answer any question pertinent and relevant to the subject matter stated in your November 8, 2023 letter.” In his December 6 letter to Chairman Comer, Hunter Biden’s lawyer explained that the offer was informed by the Majority’s repeated use of “closed-door sessions to manipulate, even distort, the facts and misinform the American public—a hearing would ensure transparency and truth in these proceedings.”

Resolved, That on December 6, 2023, Chairman Comer responded to this good faith offer with a letter threatening to “initiate contempt of Congress proceedings” unless Hunter Biden appeared before the Committee for a secret, closed-door deposition.

Resolved, That Hunter Biden has cooperated with the Committee’s investigation, repeatedly offering to meet with the Chairman, his staff, and Members of the Committee to answer their questions.