

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A
SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND
ROBERT HUNTER BIDEN IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR
REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA DULY ISSUED BY THE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

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On page 3, INSERT after the paragraph beginning “The testimony sought by the subpoenas”:

For example, properties owned by Donald Trump and controlled by his family during his presidency received \$5.5 million from the Chinese government and its state-controlled entities while he was in office. Recently on the campaign trail, Donald Trump has repeatedly complimented China and its leader, Xi Jinping, repeatedly calling him “an exceptionally brilliant individual.¹ This calls into question whether Trump is suddenly supporting Xi and China because they have paid his companies millions of dollars. This is exactly the type of financial conflict of interest our legislation would seek to prevent.

Altogether, President Trump’s businesses received at least \$7.8 million in foreign payments from at least 20 countries during his presidency, with the largest sums coming from China and Saudi Arabia. In the past, Donald Trump has himself connected positive relationships with authoritarian nations with their financial backing of his properties. At a 2015 campaign rally, then candidate Trump told the crowd, “Saudi Arabia, I get along great with all of them. They buy apartments from me. They spend \$40 million, \$50 million....Am I supposed to dislike them? I like them very much.”²

Comments like these from Donald Trump further demonstrate why even just the appearance of financial impropriety is so concerning to Congressional

¹ “*Donald Trump: China's Xi is a 'brilliant man' and 'top of the line' smart.*” FOX NEWS, Apr. 11, 2023, <https://www.foxnews.com/video/6324651091112>

² “*Trump's businesses got at least \$7.8 million in foreign payments while he was president, House Democrats say.*” CBS NEWS, Jan. 4, 2024, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-foreign-payments-emoluments-clause-house-democrats/>

committees. Corruption of public officials erodes the health of a democracy. When a President says his feelings toward another nation can be influenced by financial remuneration, he implies that he is willing to put his own personal success over that of the United States.