

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

Offered by Mr. Cohen of Tennessee.

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In addition, there are serious concerns about the risk that audio files may be manipulated for political purposes. Notably, in recent months Republicans have repeatedly circulated deceptively manipulated “cheap fake” videos targeting President Biden.¹

For example, after President Biden appeared at a D-Day commemoration ceremony in France, social media users circulated a deceptively edited video that appeared to show Biden attempting to sit in a chair that did not exist.² However, the full video of the event shows there is a chair behind Biden, which he promptly sits in.³

On June 13th, the Republican National Committee’s RNC Research account tweeted a deceptively edited video that appeared to show Biden wandering off following a paratrooper demonstration during the annual Group of Seven (G7) summit in Italy.⁴ However, the full, unedited video shows Biden walking toward a group of paratroopers who had just landed, giving them two thumbs-up.⁵

¹ Alex-Seitz-Wald, *Misleading GOP Videos of Biden are going viral. The fact-checkers have trouble keeping up*, NBC News (June 17, 2024) <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2024-election/misleading-gop-videos-biden-viral-fact-checks-rcna133316>; Melissa Goldin and Ali Swenson, *Seeing is believing? Not necessarily when it comes to video clips of Biden and Trump*, AP News (June 21, 2024), <https://apnews.com/article/biden-trump-videos-age-cheap-fakes-misinformation-a4f2fb5215e9d46520fbaf1cbd79b0b9>

² Nate Trela, *D-Day ceremony video cut to give impression Biden tried to sit without a chair: Fact check*, USA Today (June 7, 2024) <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2024/06/07/biden-d-day-sit-chair-fact-check/74018327007/>

³ Melissa Goldin, *AP Fact Check: Video Edited to make it appear Biden tried to sit down when there wasn’t a chair*, AP News (June 6, 2024), <https://apnews.com/article/fact-check-biden-invisible-chair-normandy-634944982428>

⁴ RNC Research (@RNCResearch), X (June 13, 2024) <https://x.com/RNCResearch/status/1801298970641141976> ; <https://x.com/RNCResearch/status/1801591272219594921>

⁵ David Ingram, *The deceptive Biden G7 video was quickly debunked, but it kept going viral anyway*, NBC News (June 19, 2024), <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/misinformation/biden-g7-video-joe-cheapfake-kept-going-viral-rcna157591>

Judiciary Republicans have also circulated their own misleading clips on social media in recent weeks. On June 18th, the official House Judiciary GOP X account falsely claimed that Biden fell asleep during a performance by Andrea Bocelli at the G7 Summit. The full video shows that the president just briefly closed his eyes while listening to Bocelli sing.⁶

These and other examples create serious reason to be concerned about how Republicans and others might use the high personal information they are seeking today.

⁶ House Judiciary GOP (@JudiciaryGOP), X (June 18, 2024)
<https://x.com/JudiciaryGOP/status/1803119102401167430>