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**MEMORANDUM**

February 3, 2023

**To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: “Protecting Speech from Government Interference and Social Media Bias, Part 1:  
Twitter’s Role in Suppressing the Biden Laptop Story”**

On Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. E.T., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Full Committee on Oversight and Accountability will host a hearing on “The Twitter Files.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

In October 2020—only a few weeks before the presidential election—Twitter suppressed a story published by the *New York Post* that reported on Hunter Biden’s abandoned laptop that raised issues about then-former Vice President Biden.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

The hearing will examine the role former Twitter executives played in suppressing the Biden laptop story.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**Vijaya Gadde**

Former Twitter Chief Legal Officer (Feb. 2018 – Oct. 2022)

**Yoel Roth**

Former Twitter Senior Director, Head of Trust & Safety (May 2022 – Nov. 2022)

**James Baker**

Former Twitter Deputy General Counsel (June 2020 – Dec. 2022)

Former FBI General Counsel (Jan. 2014 – Dec. 2017)