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**House of Representatives**

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June 27, 2025

**Transmitted Electronically**

Mr. Andrew Bates  
Former Senior Deputy Press Secretary

Dear Mr. Bates:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the role of former senior White House officials in possibly usurping authority from former President Joe Biden and the ramifications of a White House staff intent on hiding his rapidly worsening mental and physical faculties. The Committee has been investigating this issue for nearly a year.<sup>1</sup> The Committee seeks to understand who made key decisions and exercised the powers of the executive branch during the previous administration, possibly without former President Biden's consent. The Committee requests your testimony to evaluate your eye-witness account of former President Biden's decline.

You served as Senior Deputy Press Secretary in the White House during former President Joe Biden's Administration.<sup>2</sup> You also served in communications roles during the 2020 Biden campaign<sup>3</sup> and during the Obama-Biden Administration.<sup>4</sup> Other than Karine Jean-Pierre, you were one of the most prominent public facing defenders of former President Biden's mental acuity. The scope of your responsibilities—both official and otherwise—and personal interactions within the Oval Office cannot go without investigation, given the mounting evidence that President Biden was incapacitated for much, if not all, of his single term. If White House staff carried out a strategy lasting months or even years to hide the chief executive's condition—or to perform his duties—Congress may need to consider a legislative response.

The Committee believes you have information critical to this investigation and requests your appearance for a transcribed interview on August 27, 2025. By July 4, 2025, please 1)

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight and Accountability, to Edward Siskel, Assistant to the President and White House Counsel, The White House (July 10, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Mike Allen, *Andrew Bates, former White House aide, launches Wolfpack Strategies*, AXIOS (Jan. 23, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Annie Linskey, *White House hires Andrew Bates as deputy press secretary*, THE WASHINGTON POST (Mar. 25, 2021).

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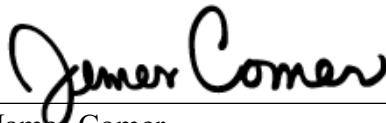
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confirm you will attend the transcribed interview scheduled on August 27, 2025, voluntarily, 2) provide an alternative date for the interview to occur within one week of August 27, 2025, or 3) notify the Committee that you will require a subpoena to compel your attendance for a deposition on August 27, 2025. July 4, 2025, is not a deadline to inform the Committee you require additional time to weigh your response. To ask any related follow-up questions, please contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-5074.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Comer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Comer" clearly distinguishable. It is written above a horizontal line.

James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform