## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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## VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Mr. Richard Sauber Special Counsel to the President Office of the White House Counsel The White House

Dear Mr. Sauber:

On July 30, 2021, we wrote to the White House with respect to then-Vice President Joe Biden's use of non-government email for government business and the transmission of government information to his son, Hunter Biden.<sup>1</sup> We noted that news reports also alleged that Vice President Biden's pseudonyms and email addresses included "RobinWare456 @gmail.com," "Robert.L.Peters @pci.gov," and "JRB Ware."<sup>2</sup> Recently, a news report made public an additional non-government email pseudonym ("67stingray") that then-Vice President Biden used to communicate with his son, brother and government officials.<sup>3</sup> We write to expand our original request to include this new email address.

With respect to our July 30, 2021, request for information, the White House has failed to respond for approximately one year. In fact, the White House Counsel's office has even refused to join a phone call with our respective staff to discuss our request for information. For example, on April 25, 2022, then-Deputy Counsel to the President, Jonathan Su told our offices, "Our position remains unchanged and we will circle back if we have updates to share. We do not believe there is a need for a call on this matter."<sup>4</sup> Our respective staff have requested that the White House define what its "position" is; however, to-date the White House has failed to answer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter from Ranking Member Ron Johnson, Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations, and Ranking Member Charles Grassley, S. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Dana Ann Remus, Counsel to the President, White House (July 30, 2021), https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley\_johnson\_to\_white\_house\_counsel\_-

\_biden\_email.pdf; Miranda Devine, *Veep Joe Biden skirted 'no see' mail law with private accounts,* The New York Post (July 23, 2021), https://nypost.com/2021/07/23/vp-joe-biden-skirted-no-see-mail-law-with-private-accounts-devine/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bruce Golding, *Biden shared anti-Hillary Clinton column with aides, family amid 2016 campaign*, The New York Post (Apr. 12, 2022), https://nypost.com/2022/04/12/biden-shared-anti-hillary-clinton-column-with-aides-family-in-2016/; Josh Boswell, *EXCLUSIVE: Hating on Hillary! Joe Biden sent family scathing articles about Clinton's declining popularity with black voters, impending investigation over her private email server and top aide's private deals with the UAE, Hunter's emails reveal, Daily Mail (Apr. 15, 2022),* 

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10712611/Hunter-emails-reveal-Joe-Biden-hating-Hillary-Clinton.html. <sup>4</sup> Email from Jonathan Su, Deputy Counsel to the President, to congressional staff (Apr. 25, 2022).

The White House's failure to respond to our initial questions has raised even more questions with respect to the universe of communications that then-Vice President Biden engaged in with his family while he was Vice President and whether those communications have continued during his presidency. Accordingly, we reiterate the questions that we posed on July 30, 2021, and raise additional questions below. Please answer no later than July 12, 2022:

- 1. What steps did then-Vice President Biden take to ensure that all his government emails and related communications were properly stored and archived?
- 2. Does President Biden use non-government email, including the following addresses, to communicate government business or email his family members government information? If so, what steps have been taken to ensure that those communications satisfy federal record-keeping and archival requirements?
  - a) "RobinWare456 @gmail.com";
  - b) "Robert.L.Peters @pci.gov";
  - c) "JRB Ware"; and
  - d) "67stingray".

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson

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Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary

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