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October 17, 2020

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

On September 24, 2020, the day after Chairman Grassley and I released our report titled, "Hunter Biden, Burisma, and Corruption: The Impact on U.S. Government Policy and Related Concerns," a whistleblower contacted my committee and informed my staff that he had possession of a laptop left in his business by Hunter Biden. He also informed us that he provided its contents to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in response to a December 9, 2019 grand jury subpoena. As the first step in our due diligence, committee staff contacted FBI officials and asked for confirmation of certain facts in an attempt to validate the whistleblower's claims and assertions. Unfortunately, several days later, the FBI responded that it would not confirm or deny any information identified by the committee even though several of our questions were not related to the possible existence of an ongoing grand jury investigation.

I have a responsibility to validate and verify the contents of any information produced to my committee. The committee must know if it receives information that could be fraudulent or not accurate. As my staff explained to FBI officials, this information is crucial for several reasons. For example, if any information offered to the committee was linked to a foreign adversary's attempt to interfere in the election, I would expect the FBI to ensure the committee is protected and receives a defensive briefing. Similarly, knowingly providing false information to Congress is a crime, and I would expect the FBI to have informed me if, after having been given notice of what we received, this may have occurred. That is precisely why my staff reached out to the FBI.

For these reasons, the committee must know whether the FBI has assessed the validity of materials the whistleblower has provided, and what, if any, actions the FBI has taken since obtaining this information. In light of these unanswered questions, I request the following information and material:

1. Does the FBI possess material from Hunter Biden's laptop(s)? If yes, how and when did the FBI obtain this information?

2. Is it accurate that FBI officials obtained contents from Hunter Biden's laptop from a business located in Delaware? If so:
 - a. When did the FBI first examine these records?
 - b. Has the FBI concluded its examination of these records?
 - c. Has the FBI found any evidence of criminal activity based on its examination of these records?
 - d. Has the FBI determined whether the records on the computer was generated on that computer, is genuine, or has been altered in any way?
 - e. Has the FBI determined whether these records were generated or authored by Hunter Biden?
 - f. Has the FBI determined whether these records are a result from someone hacking Hunter Biden's computer?
3. Is it accurate that the FBI issued a grand jury subpoena from the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware to obtain this information? If so, when and why was this subpoena issued? Was this information ever offered to the FBI voluntarily?
4. When and how were you made aware that the Delaware computer repair shop owner possessed a computer and its electronic contents that he claimed originally belonged to Hunter Biden?
5. In addition to these records allegedly provided in response to a subpoena, has the FBI ever been in possession of any other of Hunter Biden's laptop(s) or material from Hunter Biden's laptop(s)?
 - a. If so, please explain when and how the FBI obtained this information and what, if any, steps it took to investigate and authenticate that material.
6. Is the FBI aware of other federal agencies that have Hunter Biden's laptop(s) or material from Hunter Biden's laptop(s)?
 - a. If so, what other agencies have this material and how did those agencies obtain it?

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Please provide a response no later than October 22, 2020. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

cc: The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member